



LEGION OF
SUPER-HEROES

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THE WITCH IS BACK!

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PLUS!
MYSA'S
MYSTERIOUS
BENEFactor
IS
REVEALED!

Stuart + Ron

THE REMAINS OF THE
SORCERERS' WORLD...

I CAN FEEL IT
CALLING TO
ME...

...CRYING...

...ITS HEART
BREAKING...

...THE BOULDER
REAPPEARS RIGHT
IN FRONT OF ME!

DAMN
IT!

WHY DO THE
SPIRITS OPPOSE
ME?!

ALL I SEEK IS
FULFILLMENT...
SPIRITUAL
CONTENTMENT...

EXCUSE ME,
BUT YOU LOOK
LIKE YOU COULD
USE A HAND.

...AND TH- THEY
SEND ME
NOTHING BUT
ANGER... RAGE...

...IT'S RIGHT THERE,
JUST BELOW ME. I
CAN FEEL IT. BUT
EVERY TIME I COME
CLOSE...

...EVERY TIME I
SHIFT A BOULDER
OUT OF MY PATH...

WHY? DAMN
IT, WHY?!

HUH?

WHO-WHO ARE
YOU? WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?

I AM A FRIEND,
MYSA NAL.

A FRIEND
WHO IS HERE
TO HELP.



LEGION
HEADQUARTERS,
TALUS...

NOW THIS
IS FUN...

...MOTION SENSORS,
SONIC DETECTORS,
INFRARED TRIPS,
ENTRY CODES...

CHKA

hee-hee! GOT IT.

NOW THAT WAS A
SECURITY SYSTEM.
I DOUBT THERE'S
A MAN ALIVE WHO
COULD BYPASS IT.

'COURSE FOR ME, IT'S
NO BIG DEAL...

LOCK
ENGAGED

...NOW. WITH A
LITTLE LUCK, I
CAN JUST--

HUH?

AIR LOCK 4

AN INTRUDER.
AIR-LOCK
BREACH!

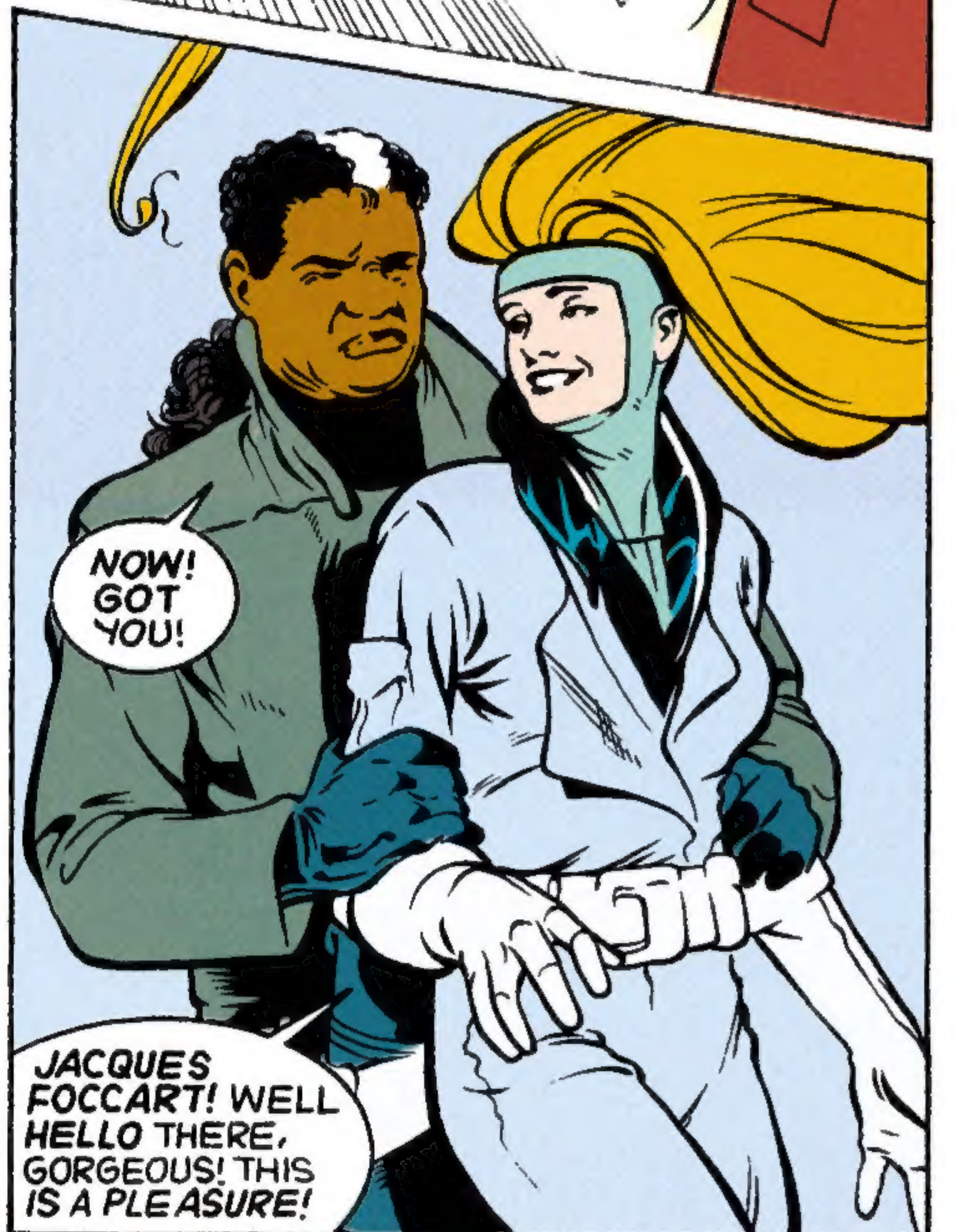
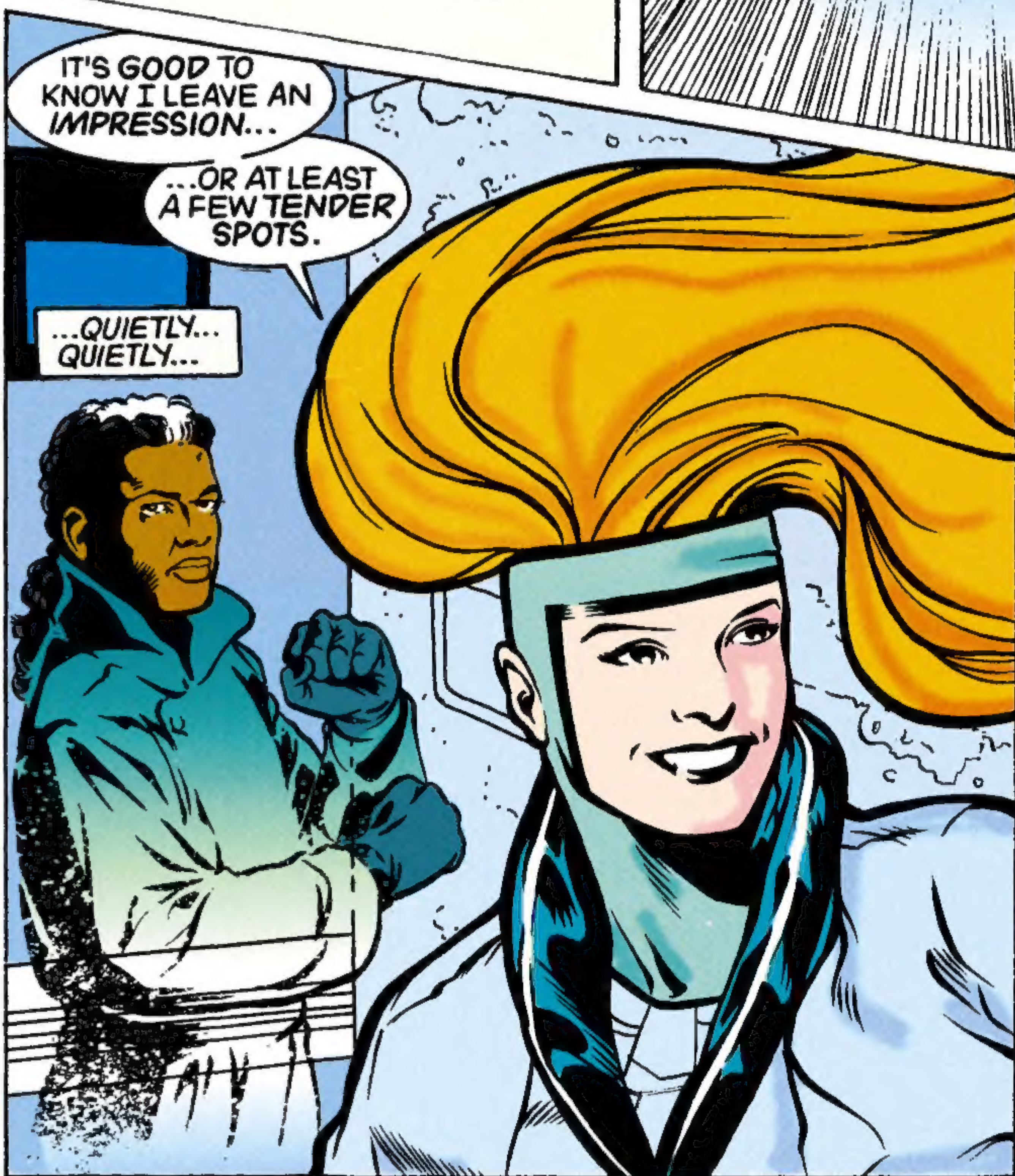
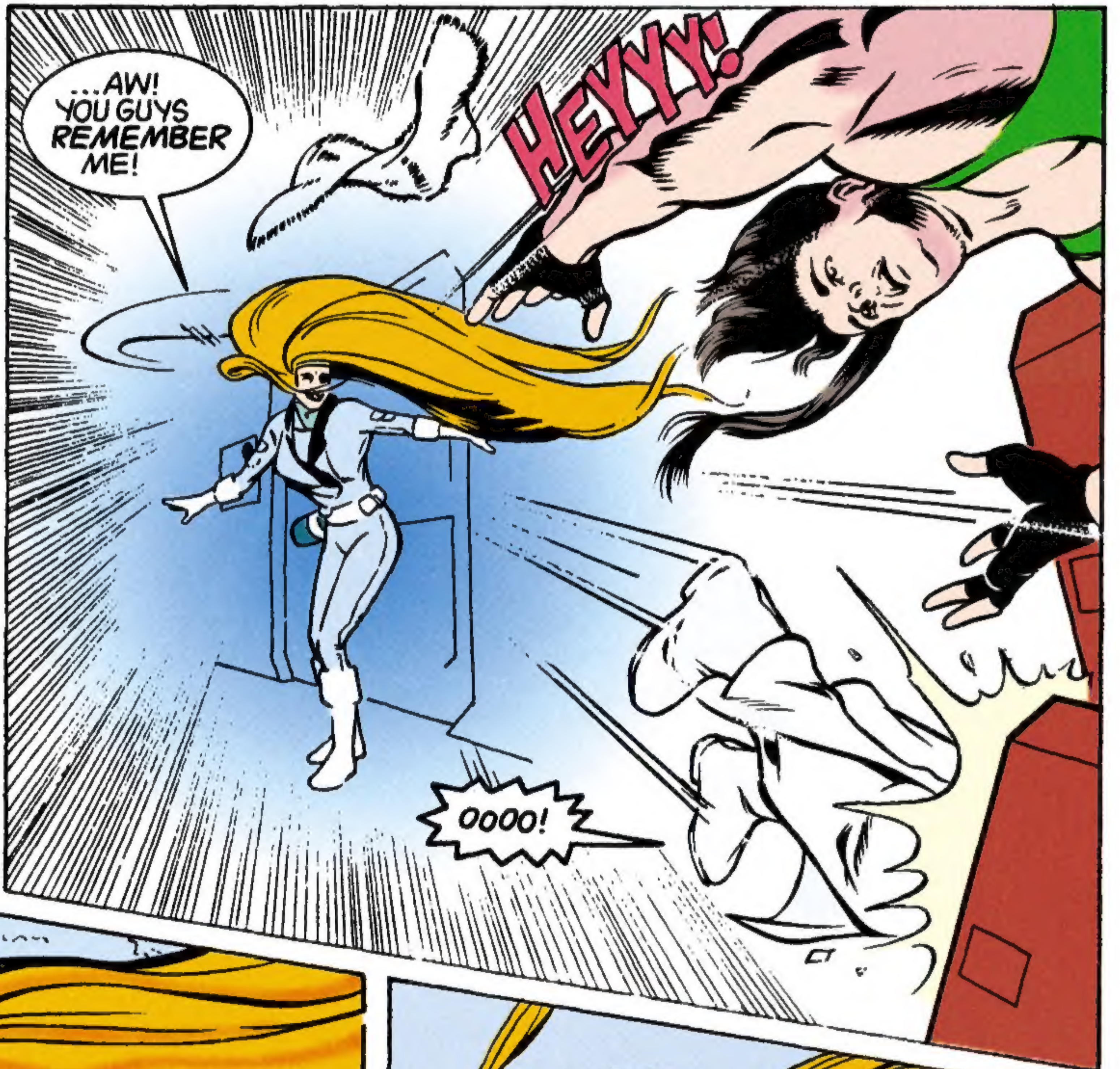
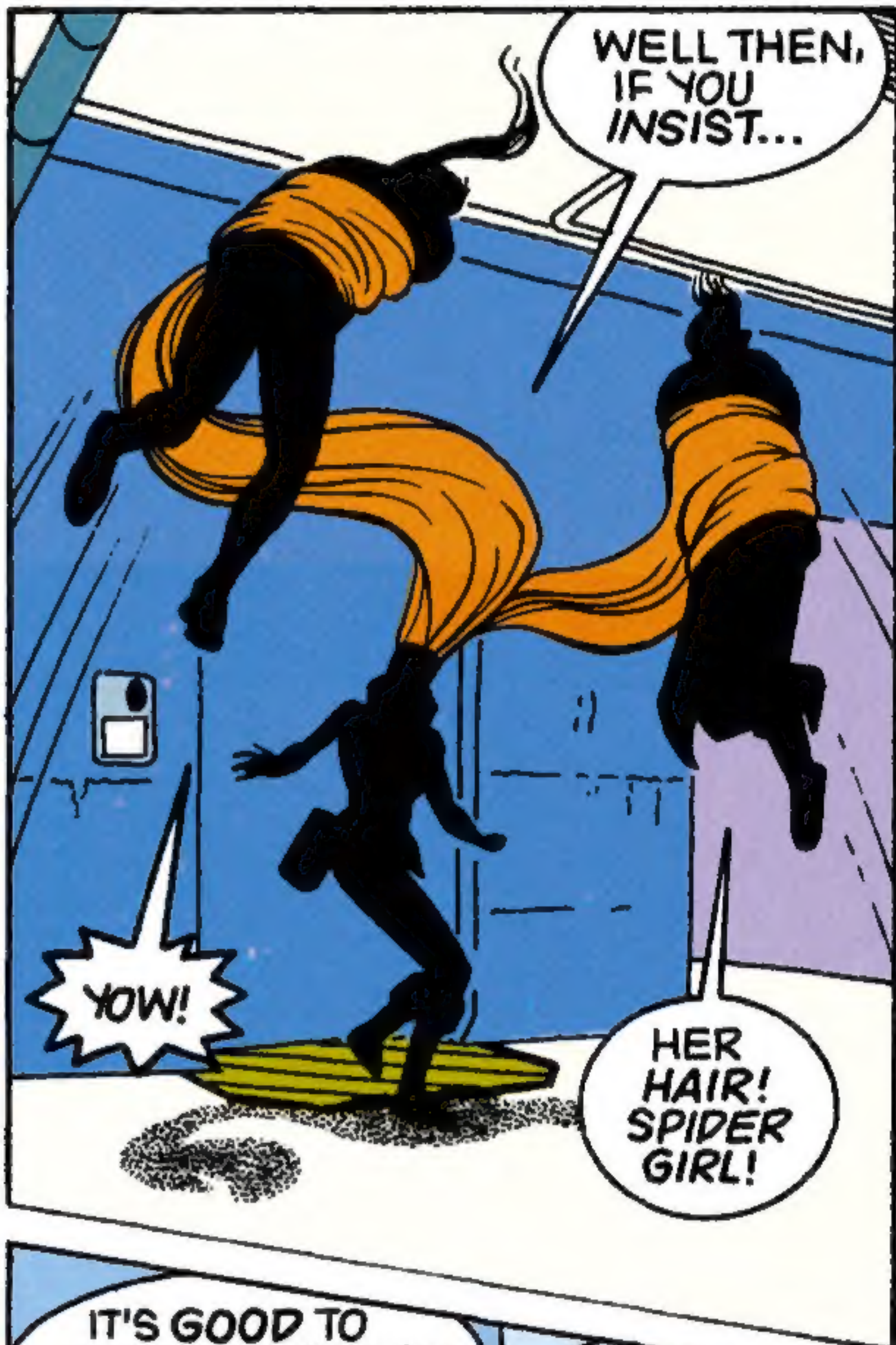
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fudd...

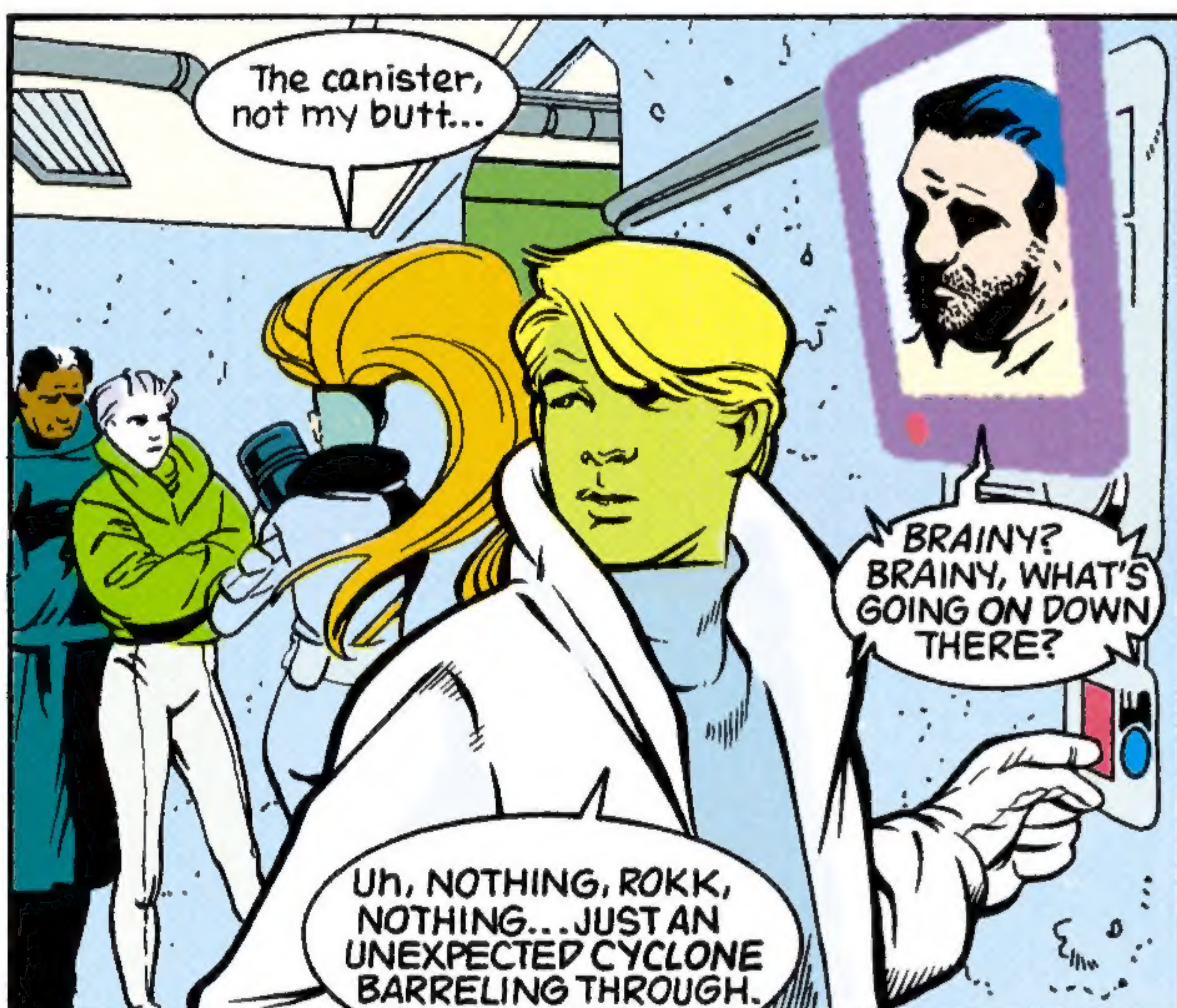
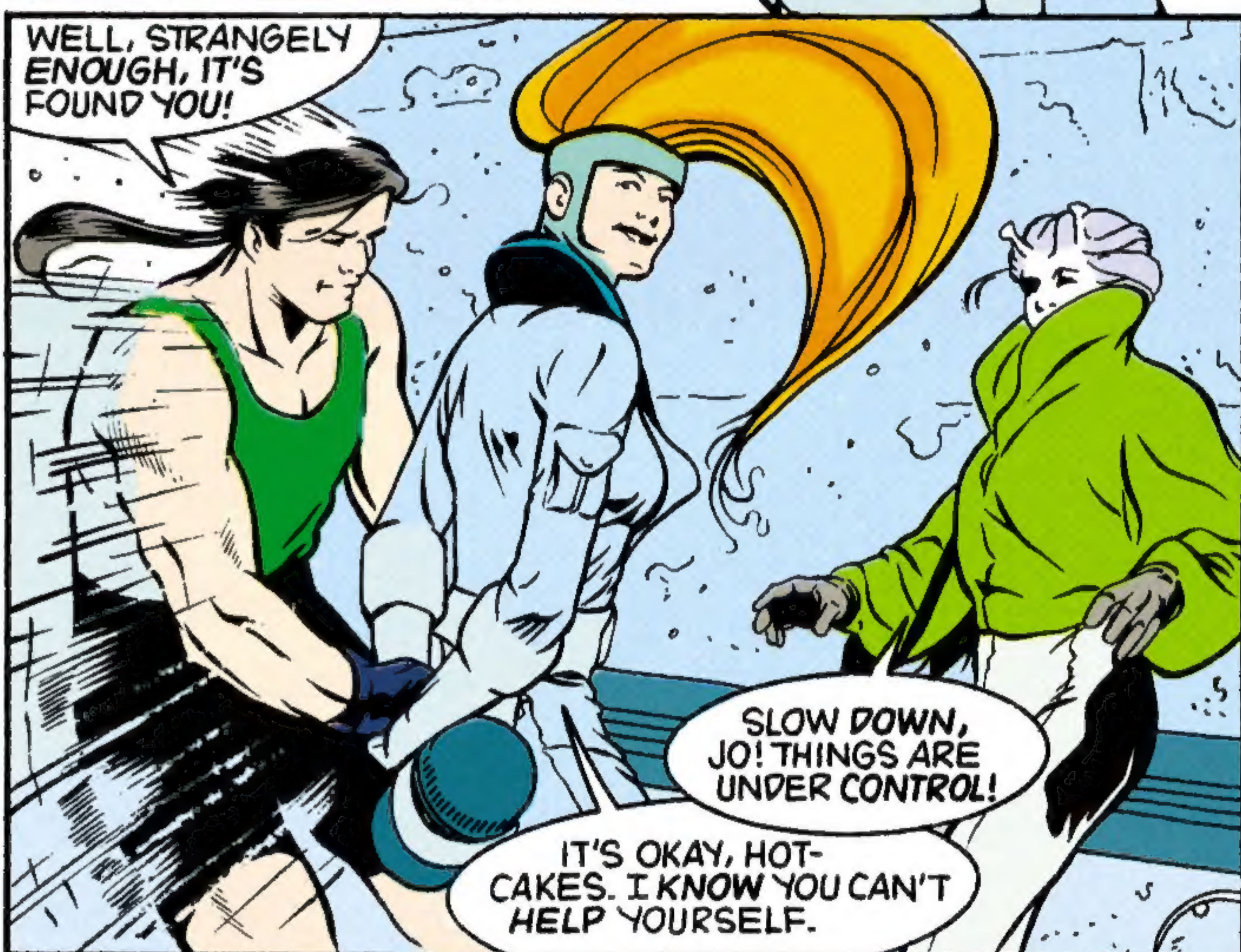
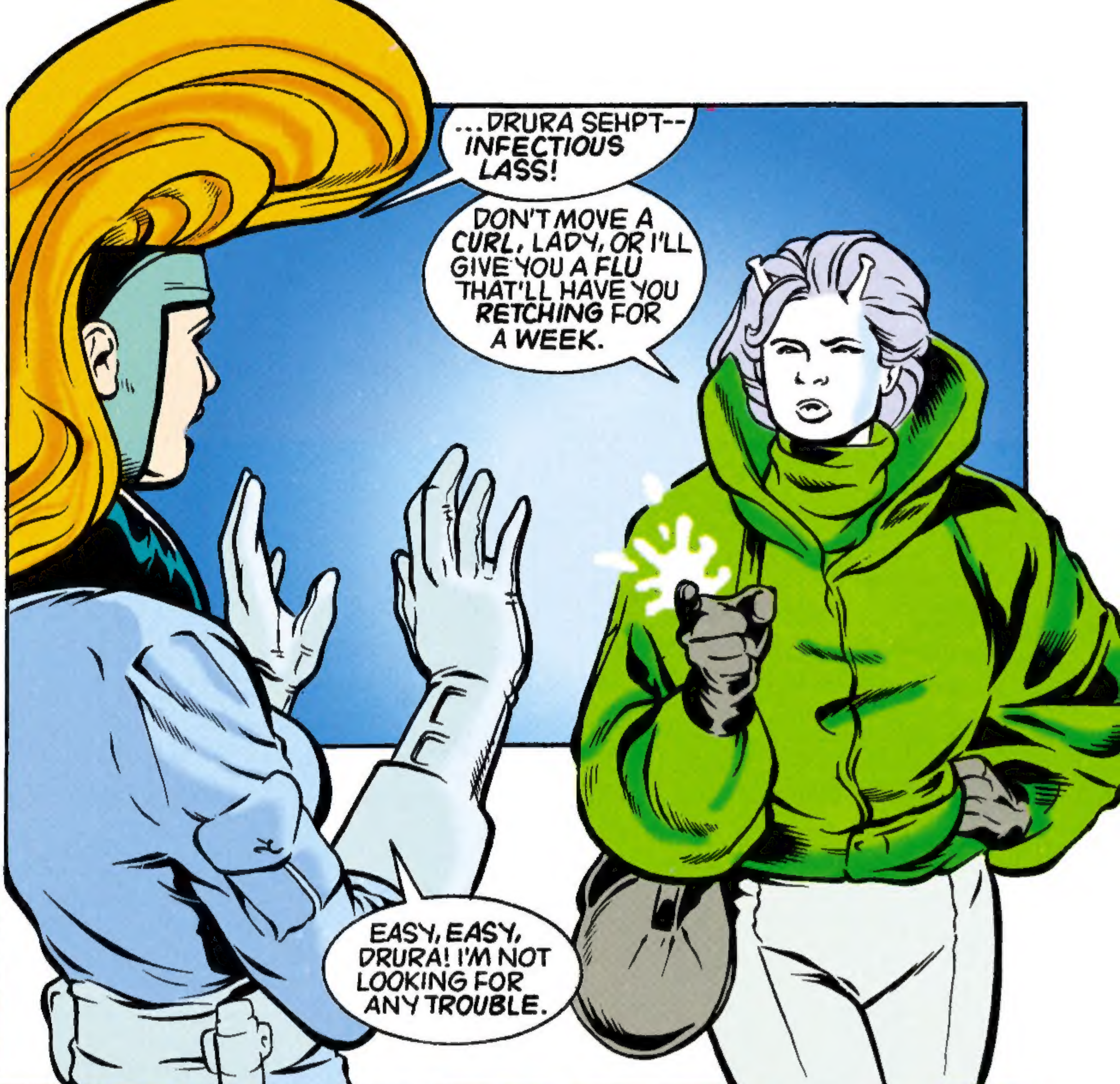
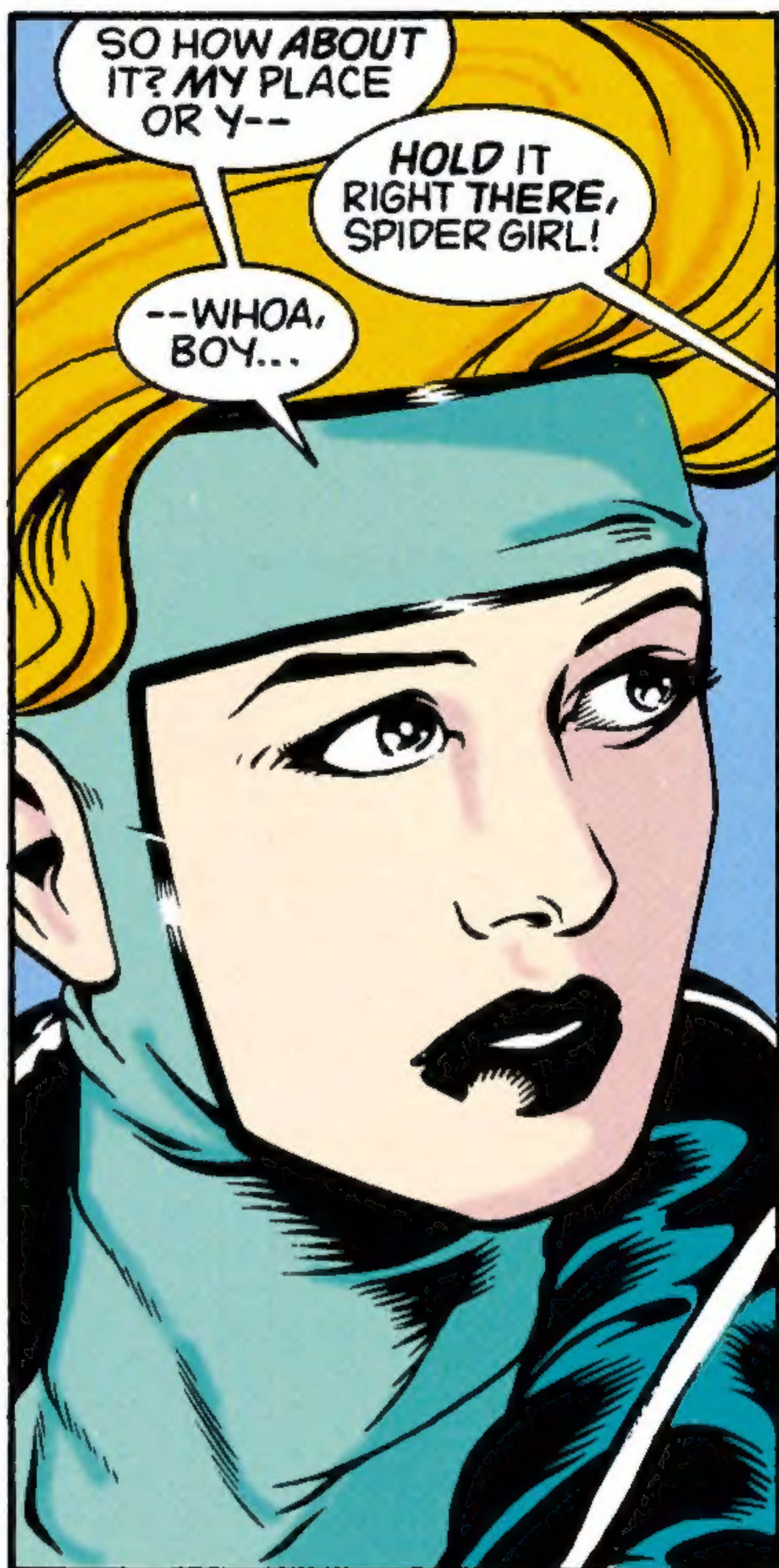
...HEY, LOOK,
FELLAS. I WAS
LEAVING IT THE
WAY I FOUND
IT...

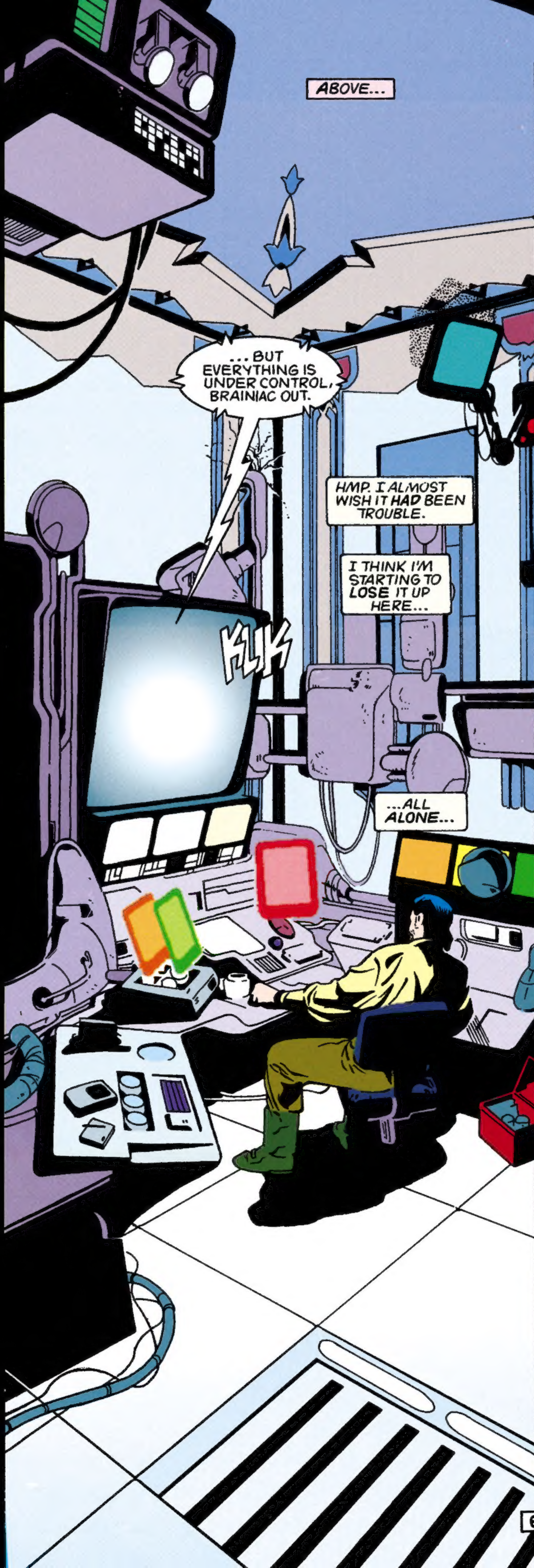
QUICK,
BRAINY, GRAB
HER!

...AW, C'MON,
BOYS, THIS DOESN'T
HAVE TO GET
ROUGH.

TOO LATE,
SISTER!







ABOVE...

...BUT EVERYTHING IS UNDER CONTROL, BRAINIAC OUT.

HMP. I ALMOST WISH IT HAD BEEN TROUBLE.

I THINK I'M STARTING TO LOSE IT UP HERE...

...ALL ALONE...

...I MEAN, I'VE GOT A WIFE AND A BABY. I WANT TO BE WITH THEM.

BUT HERE I SIT, STARING AT A BUNCH OF MONITORS...

...KEEPING TABS ON PEOPLE WHO'RE OUT THERE DOING SOMETHING.

TENZIL KEM: ON ASSIGNMENT. SENT TO LOCATE AND CHECK ON MYSA NAL.

KENT SH. PEARE, CE. ROCKFISH: ON LEAVE, VISITING QUARANTINE, IVY

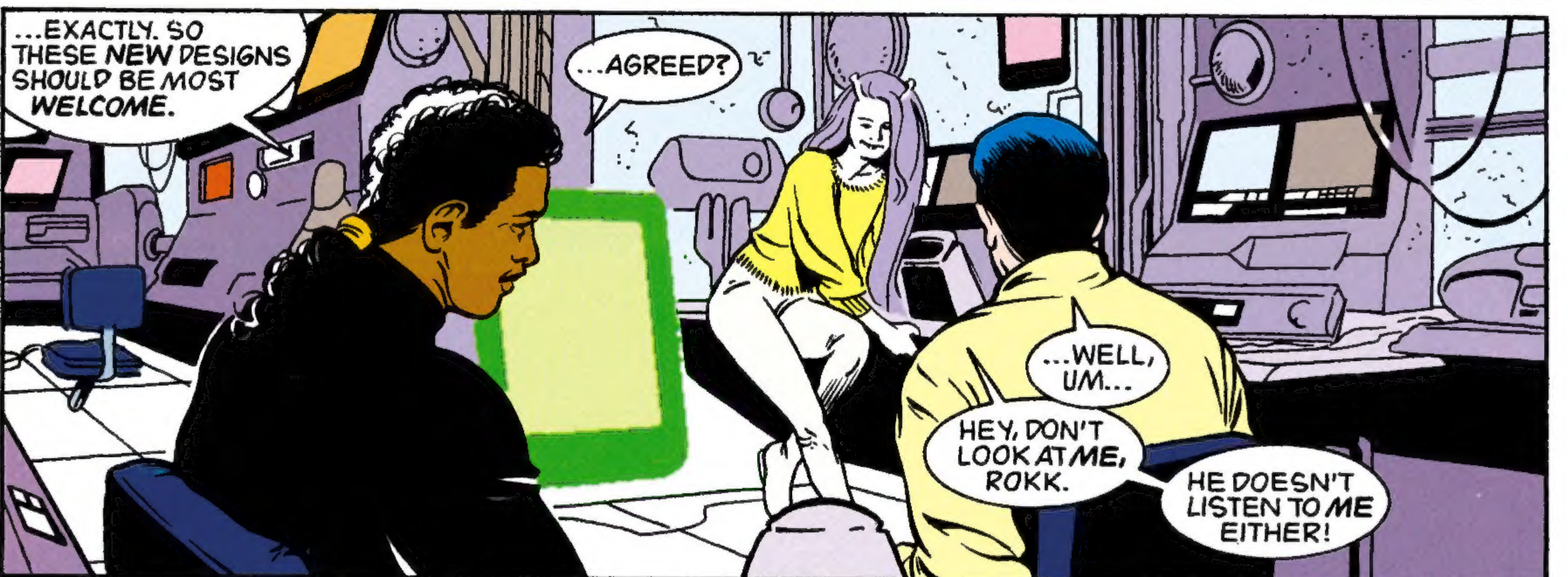
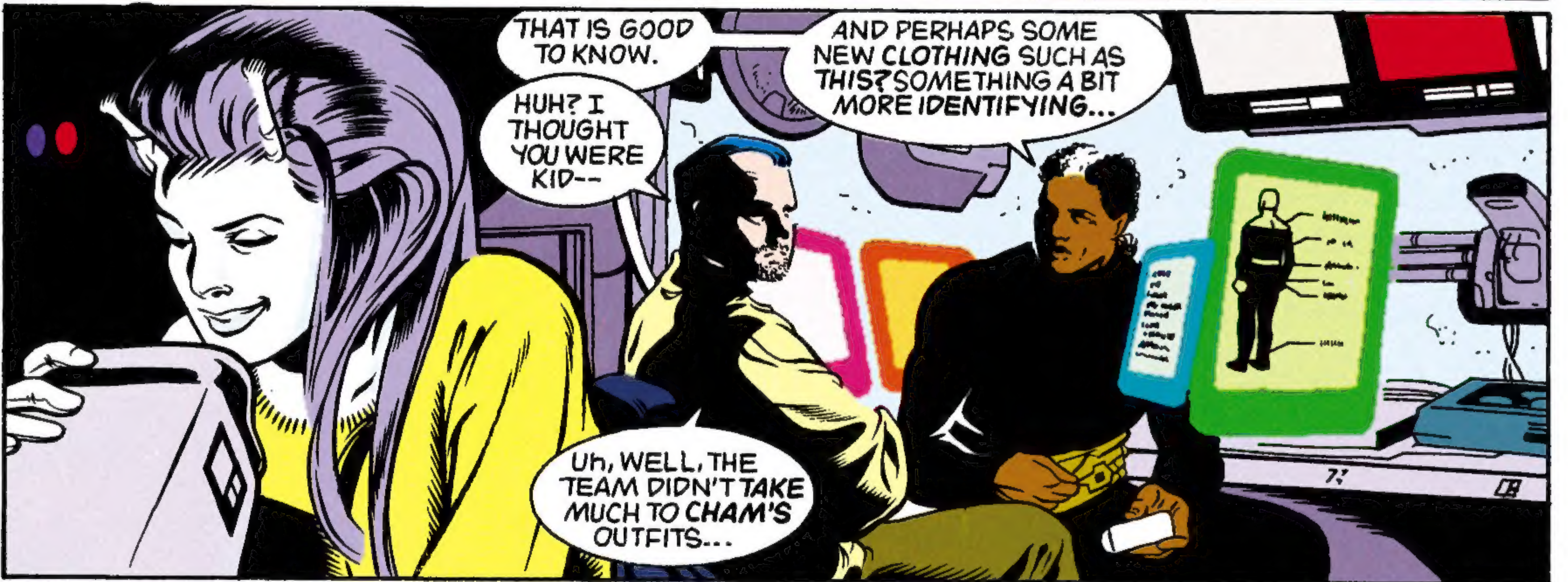
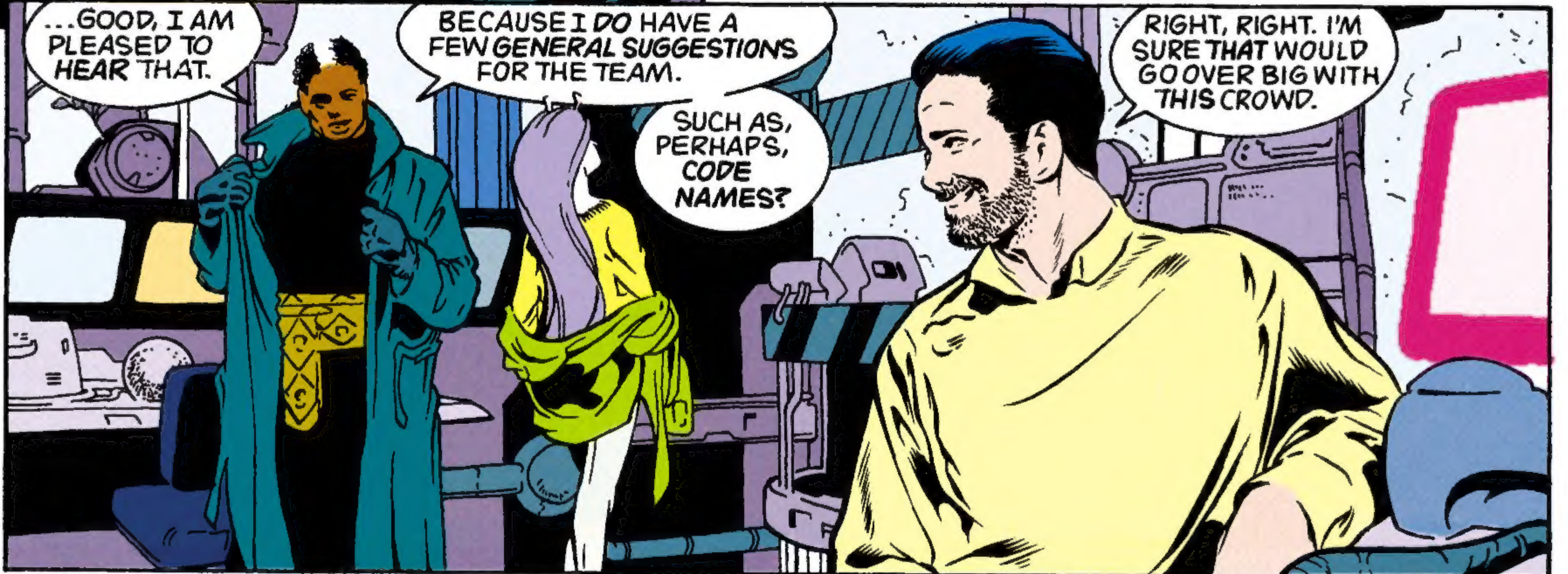
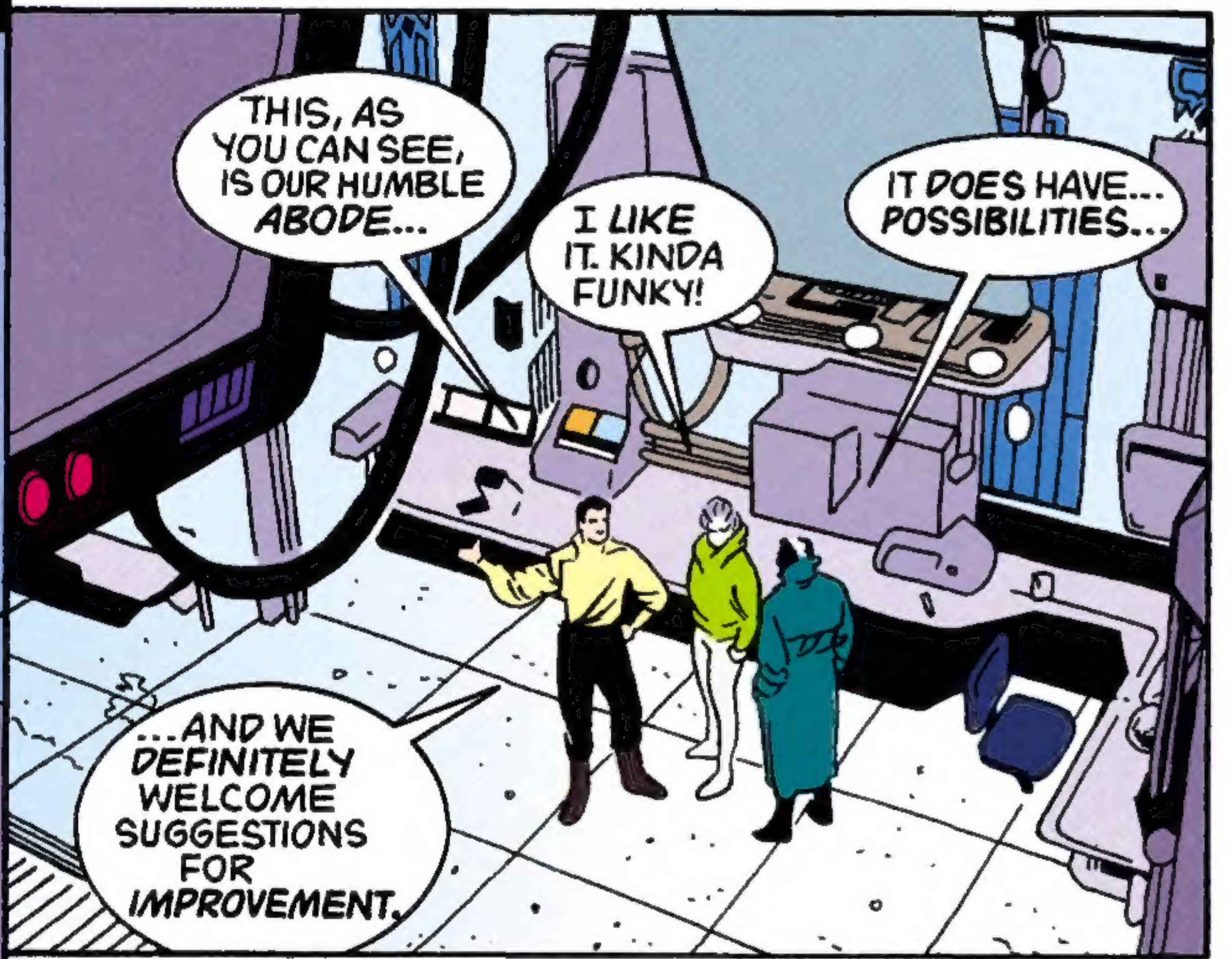
JAN ARRAH: ON LEAVE VISITING HOMEWORLD TROM TO HONOR DEAD

WHILE I SLOWLY LOSE MY MIND UP HERE... MAN, WHAT A MISTAKE IT WAS TO LET CHAM GO...

HEY, ROKK!

HELLO, ROKK, WE WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW WE MADE IT!

JACQUES! DRURA! HEY, AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU TWO!



THE REMAINS OF THE
SORCERERS' WORLD...

WHERE DO
YOU COME FROM?
WHY ARE YOU
HELPING ME?

DOES IT
MATTER?

UHRN!

YOU'RE
LOOKING FOR
SOMETHING...
YOU SEEM TO
WANT IT PRETTY
BADLY...

...AND I'D LIKE TO UHN-
TO HELP.

BUT I AM
CURIOUS... WHAT
EXACTLY ARE
YOU LOOKING
FOR?

...BUT IT'S
HERE. I KNOW
IT IS!

IT'S CRYING
OUT, DESPERATE
FOR ME TO REACH
IT... TO POSSESS
IT...

I-I GUESS
I'M NOT REALLY
SURE...

...FULFILLMENT.
A VOICE. SOMETHING
CALLING TO ME...

...POWERS
I'VE LOST. POWERS
THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE
HAS LOST...

AMETHYST?
MYSA, WHAT
EXACTLY IS IT
YOU'RE
FEELING... THE
LURE OF POWER?
FULFILLMENT?

YES...

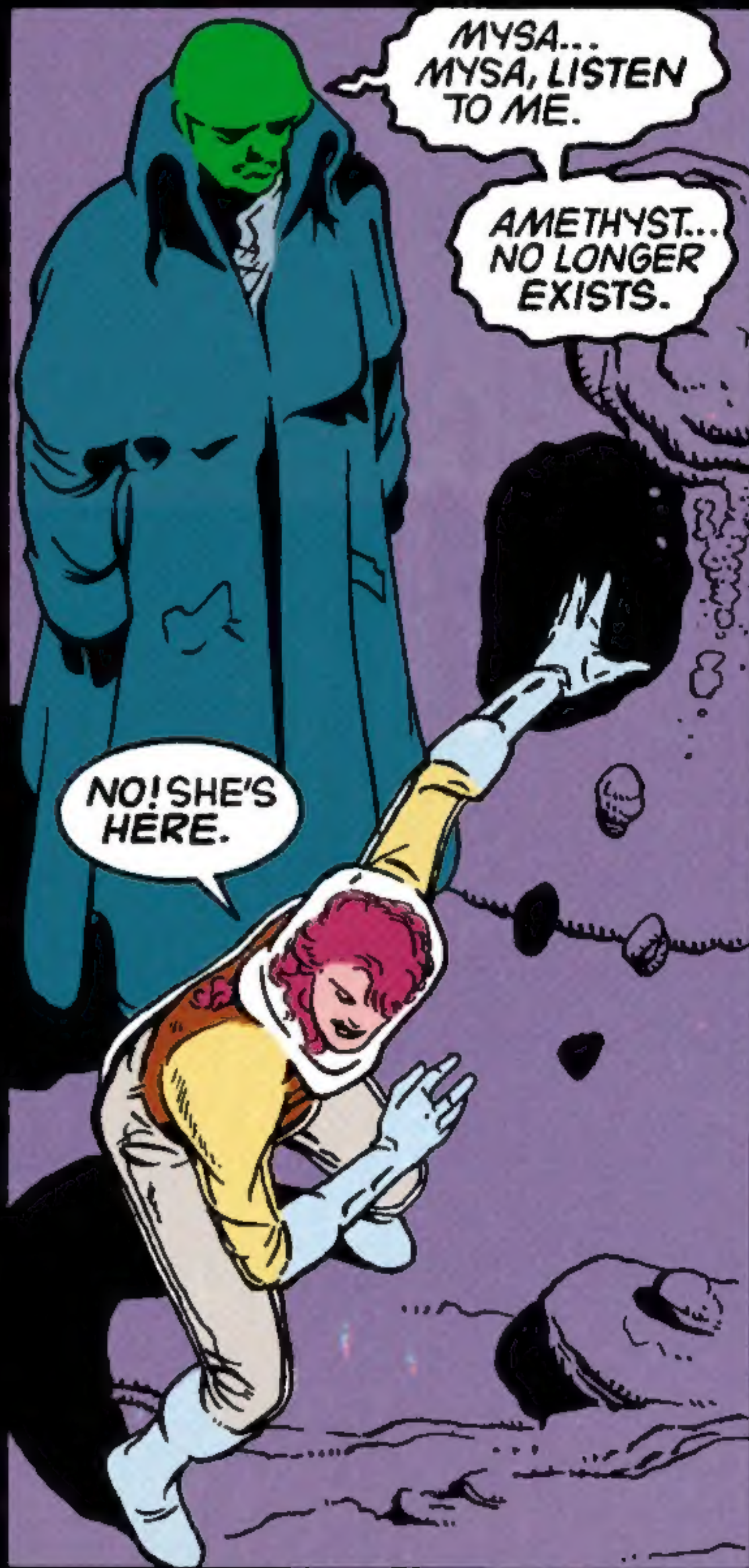
...NO!

...AMETHYST!

SHE'S
HERE! SHE'S
WAITING
FOR ME!

NO! WHAT
I FEEL IS HER
RAGE!

OUR RAGE!
THE RAGE OF
GREAT WRONGS
NEVER
AVENGED!



MYSA...
MYSA, LISTEN
TO ME.

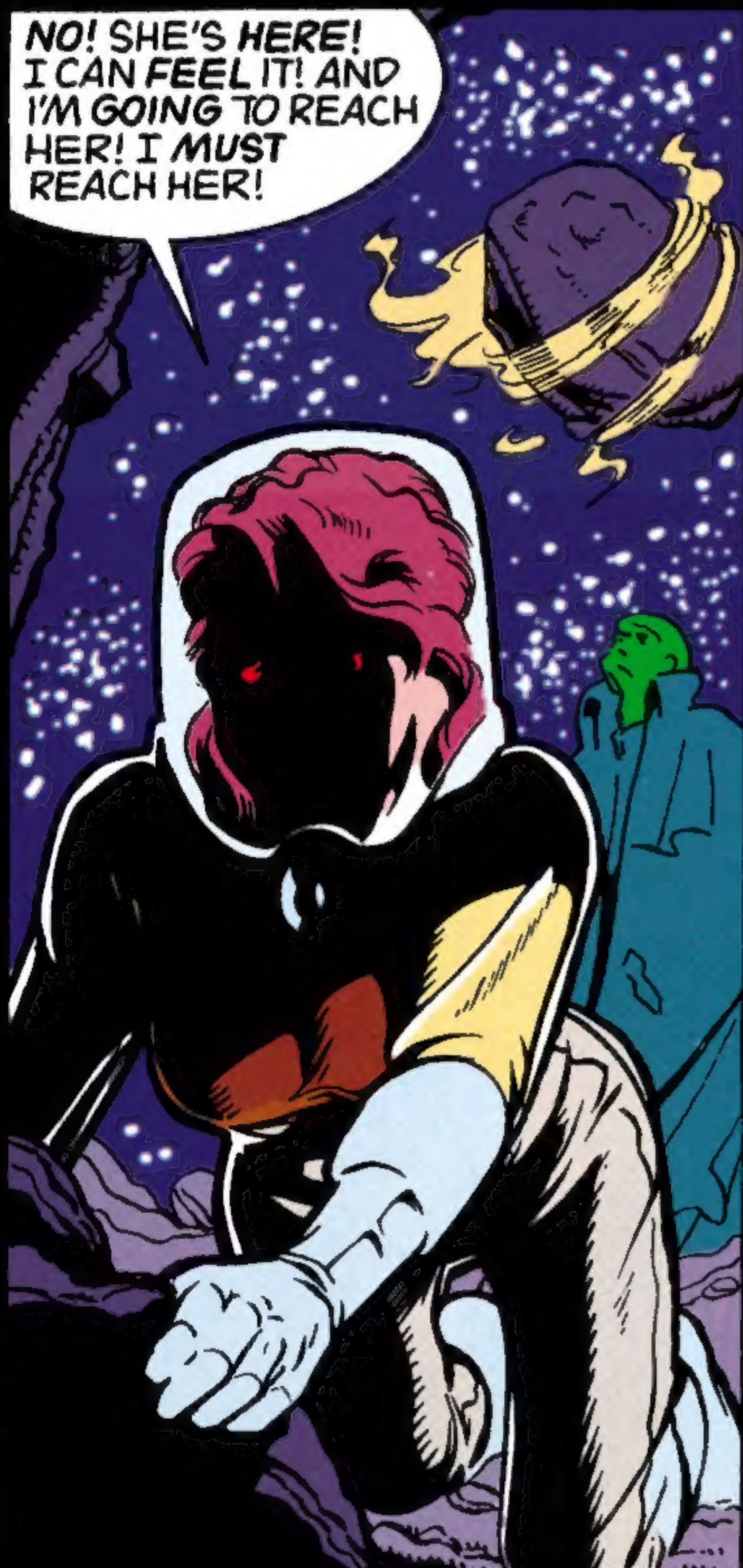
AMETHYST...
NO LONGER
EXISTS.

NO! SHE'S
HERE.



AMETHYST IS A
DREAM OF THE PAST,
MYSA. QUEEN TO
THE MYSTICS OF
ANTIQUITY...

...THE SOUL
OF THIS WORLD,
NOW DEAD.



NO! SHE'S HERE!
I CAN FEEL IT! AND
I'M GOING TO REACH
HER! I MUST
REACH HER!



"I MUST
AVENGE THE
HORRIBLE
WRONGS WE'VE
SUFFERED!"

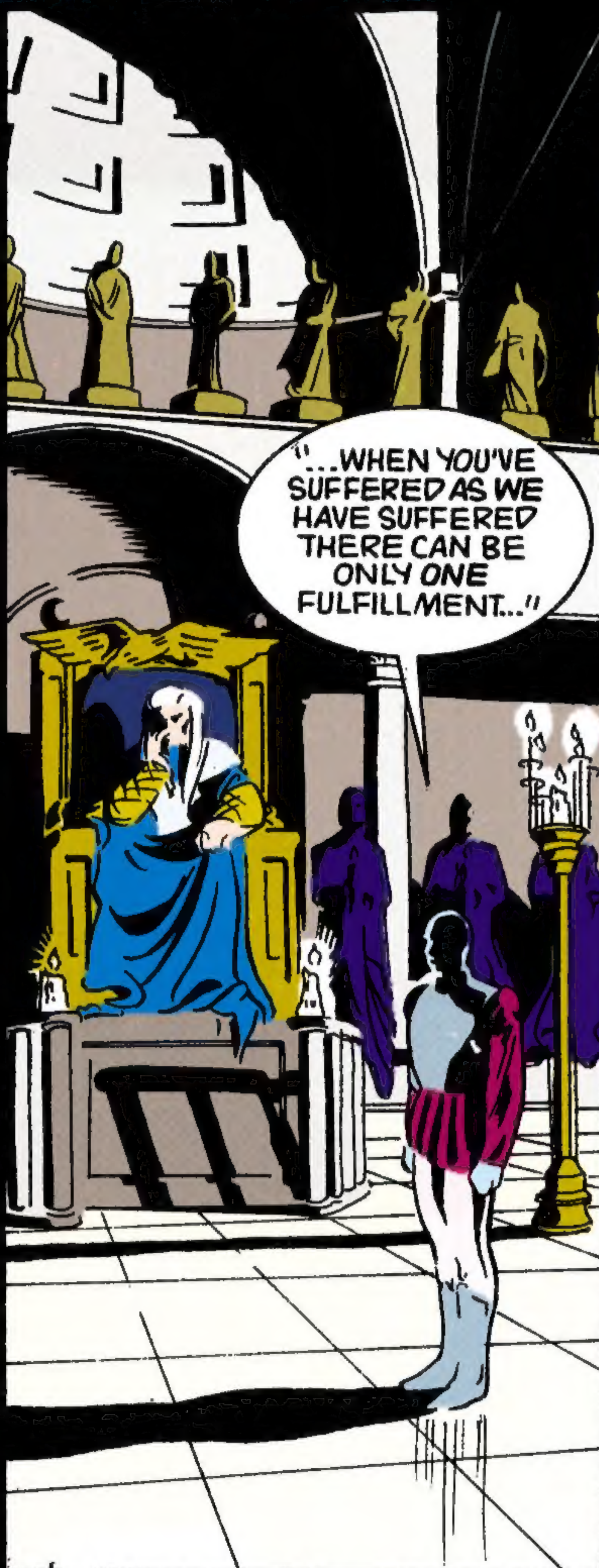
THE PALACE
OF MORDRU,
ON THE
PLANET
THARN...

"WRONGS?
MYSA, WHAT
WRONGS?"



"A MINUTE
AGO YOU WERE
TALKING ABOUT
FULFILLMENT."

"HA!
FULFILLMENT..."



"...WHEN YOU'VE
SUFFERED AS WE
HAVE SUFFERED
THERE CAN BE
ONLY ONE
FULFILLMENT..."



"...VENGEANCE."

SO... IT IS
TRUE...

...RETURN
TO ME SHE
SHALL.



ELSEWHERE...

...I'LL BE READY FOR DUTY IN A SEC, MR. NAH, AS SOON AS I UNPACK A FEW THINGS.

OKAY, DEVLIN, BUT IT'S "JO," NOT "MR. NAH."

YESSIR, MR. NAH. "JO" IT IS.

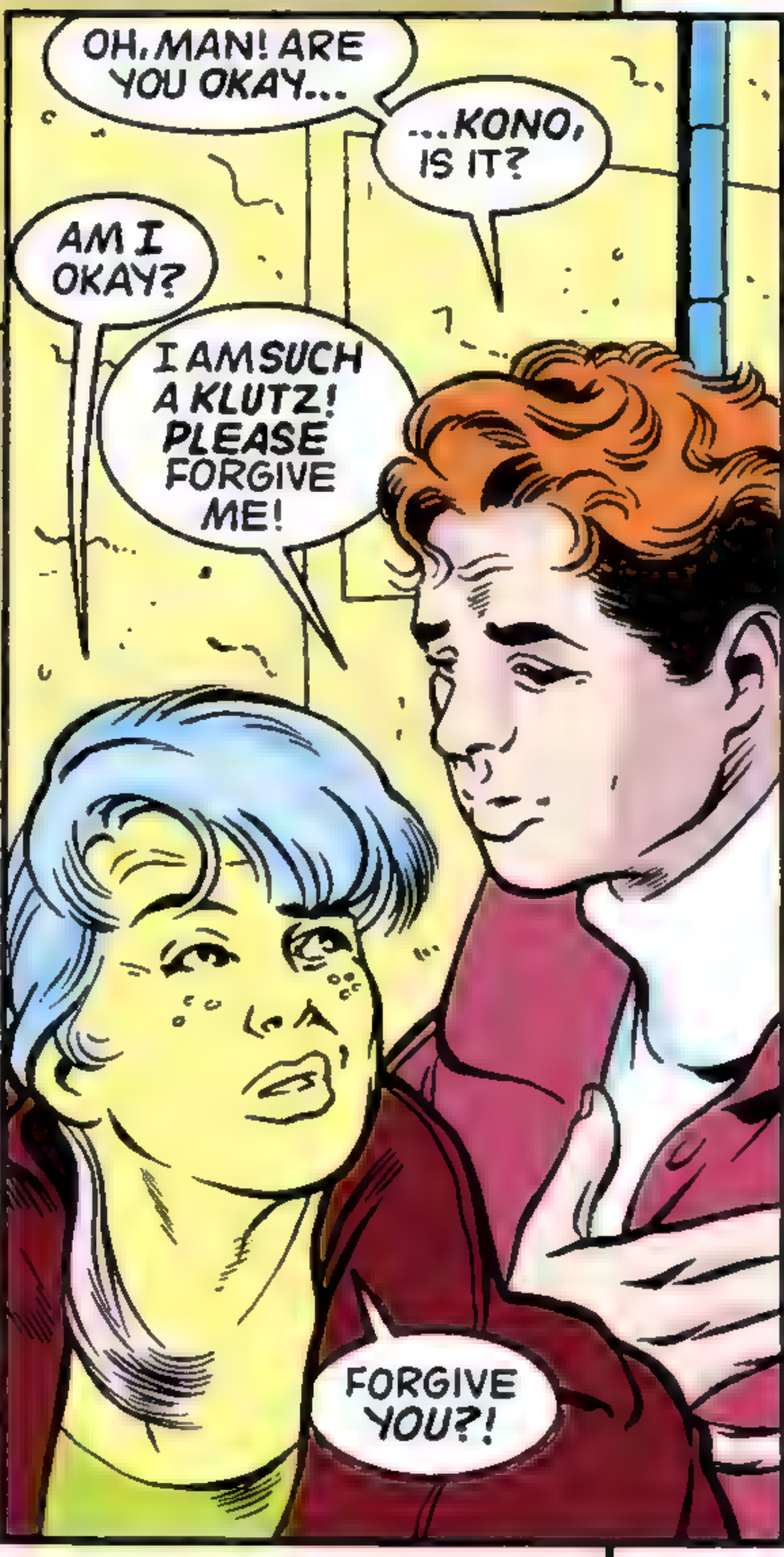
...Good... Thank you...

...We'll be in Brainy's lab...



WHOO--YOW!

HEE!



OH, MAN! ARE YOU OKAY...

...KONO, IS IT?

AM I OKAY?

I AM SUCH A KLUTZ! PLEASE FORGIVE ME!

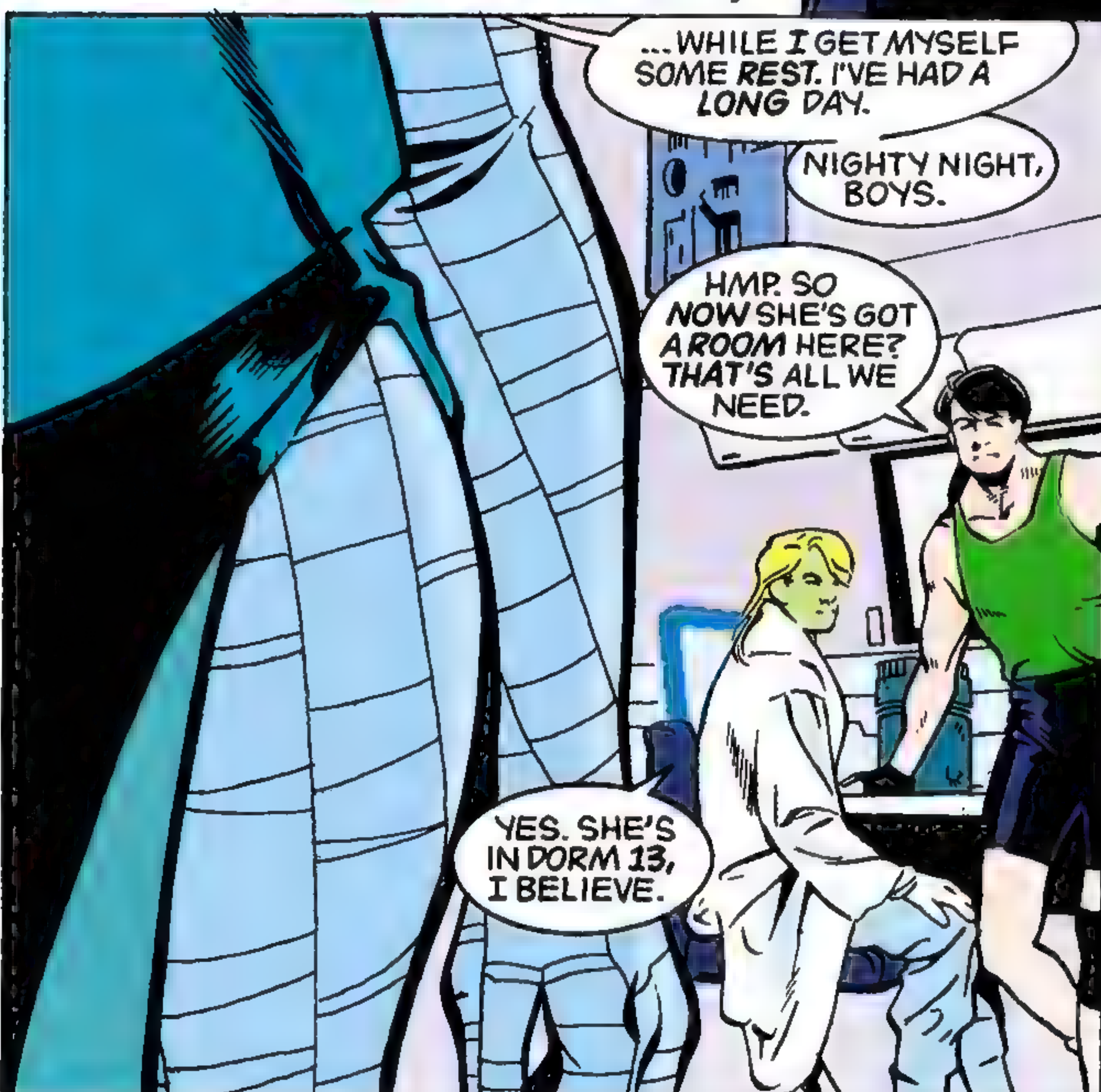
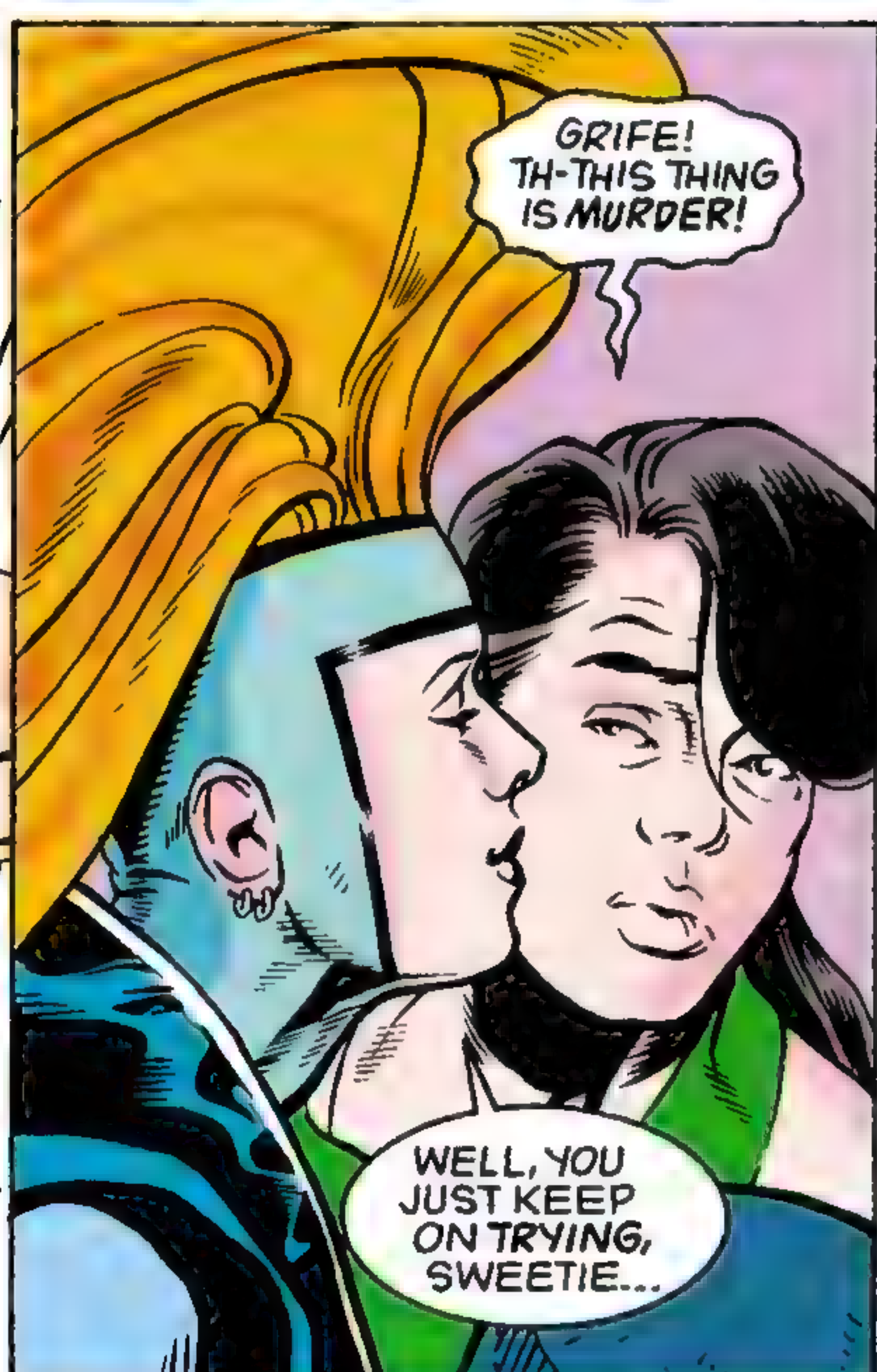
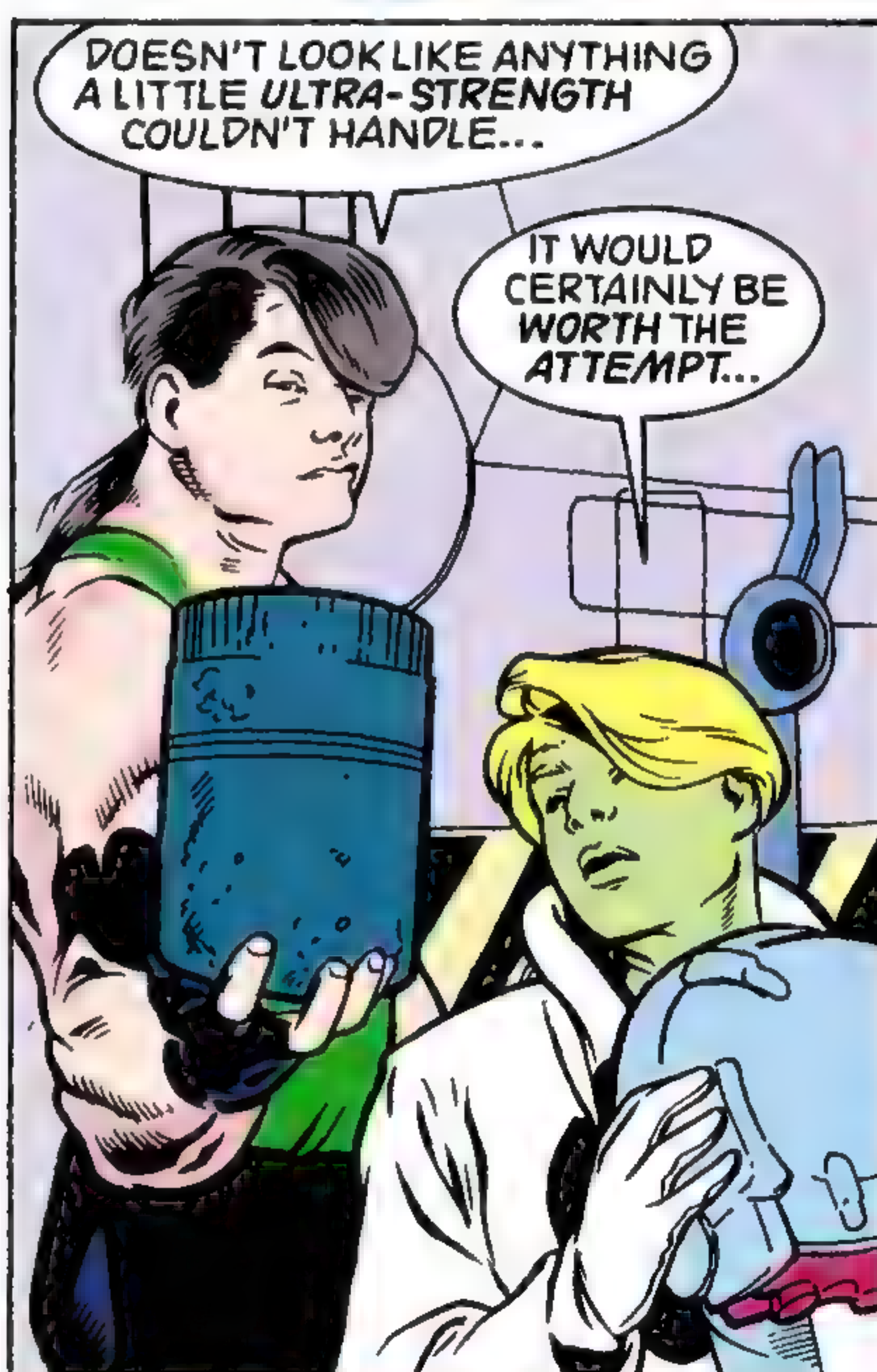
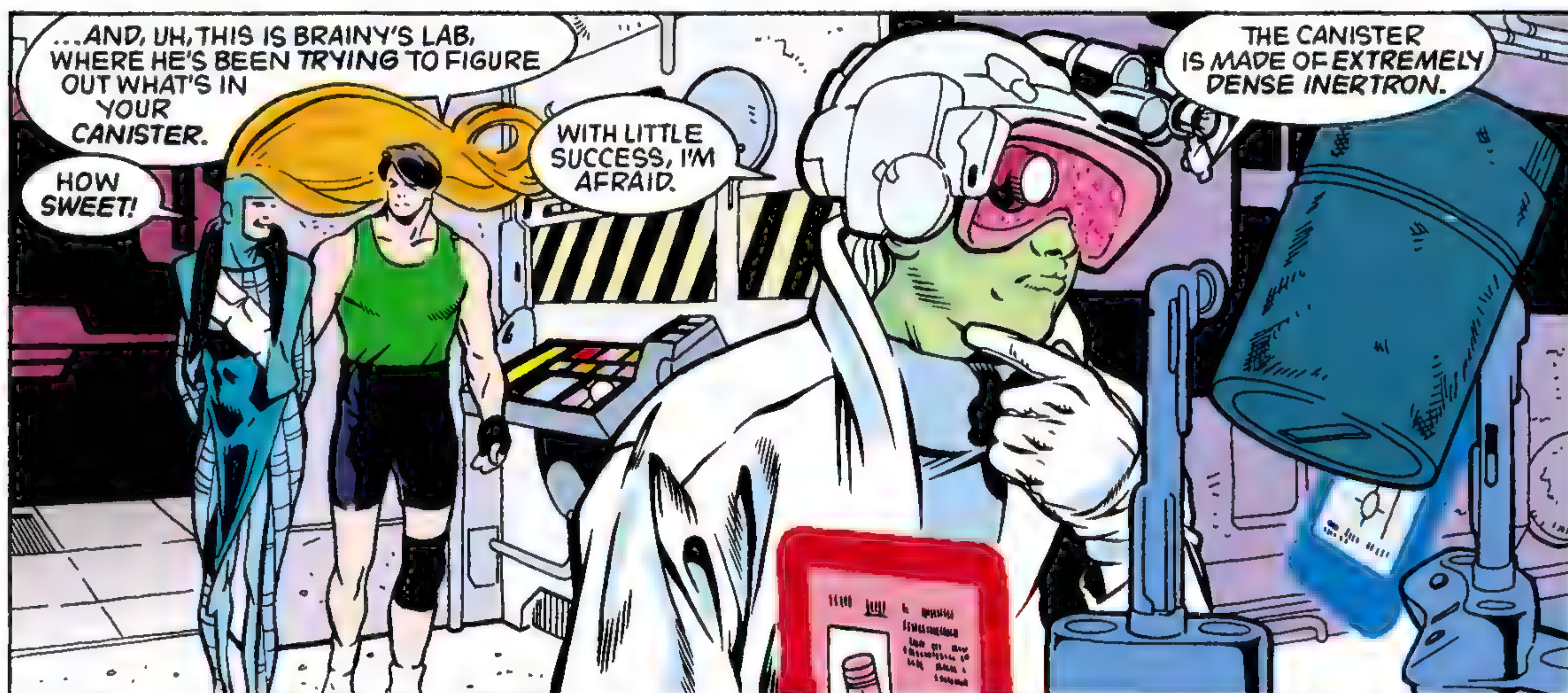
FORGIVE YOU?!

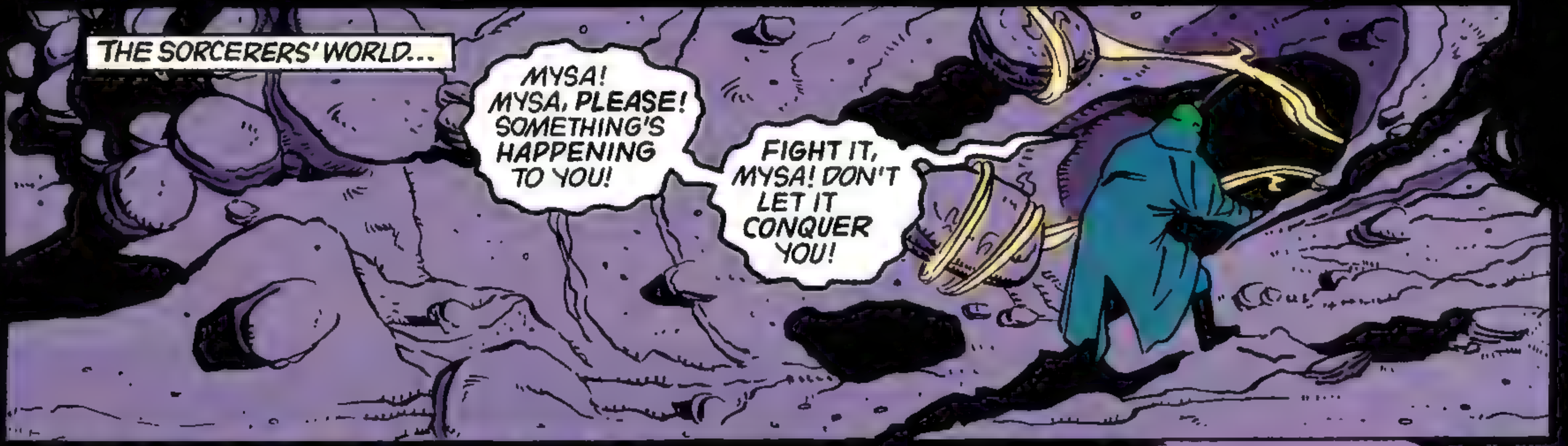
HOLD ON A MINUTE! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE MAD!

MAD? ABOUT WHAT? I MEAN, WHO'D DO SOMETHIN' LIKE THAT ON PURPOSE?



HUH? I WOULD!





THE SORCERERS' WORLD...

MYSA!
MYSA, PLEASE!
SOMETHING'S
HAPPENING
TO YOU!

FIGHT IT,
MYSA! DON'T
LET IT
CONQUER
YOU!

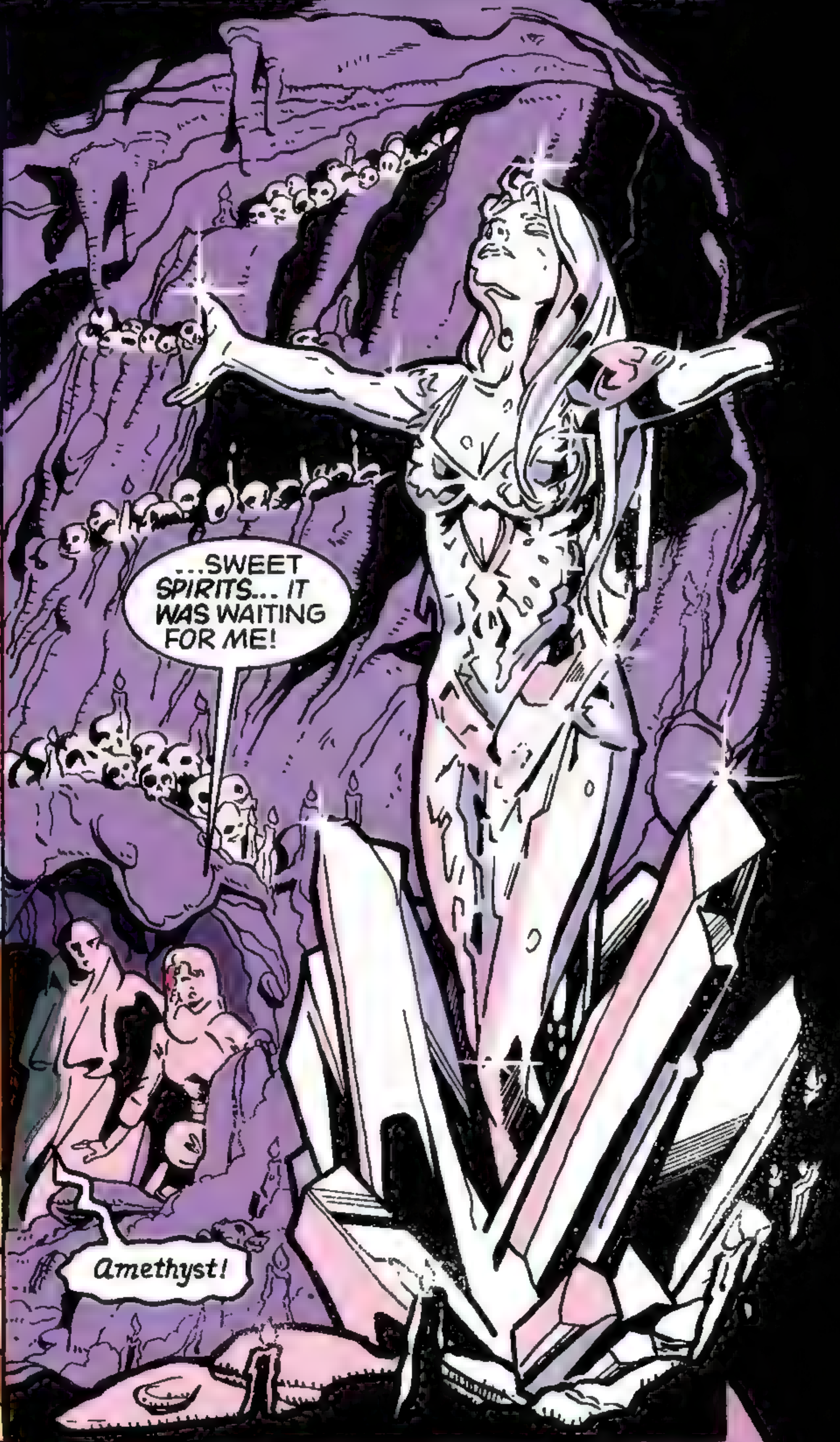


IT'S HERE!
IT'S REALLY
HERE! I'VE
REACHED
IT!



PLEASE,
MYSA,
FIGHT
IT!

YES!
I'VE FOUND
IT! I'VE--



...SWEET
SPIRITS... IT
WAS WAITING
FOR ME!

Amethyst!



I DON'T
LIKE THIS,
MYSA!

COME
ON. WE'RE
GETTING
OUT OF
HERE,
NOW!



NO!



SHE'S CALLING TO ME. SHE NEEDS ME!

MYSA!
WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU? YOUR STRENGTH...



...I-I CAN'T STOP YOU!

I'M COMING, SISTER, I'M COMING!

THE STATUE...

...MYSA, GET DOWN! IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO--



THOOM

--AUGHN!

...COMING... SISTER...

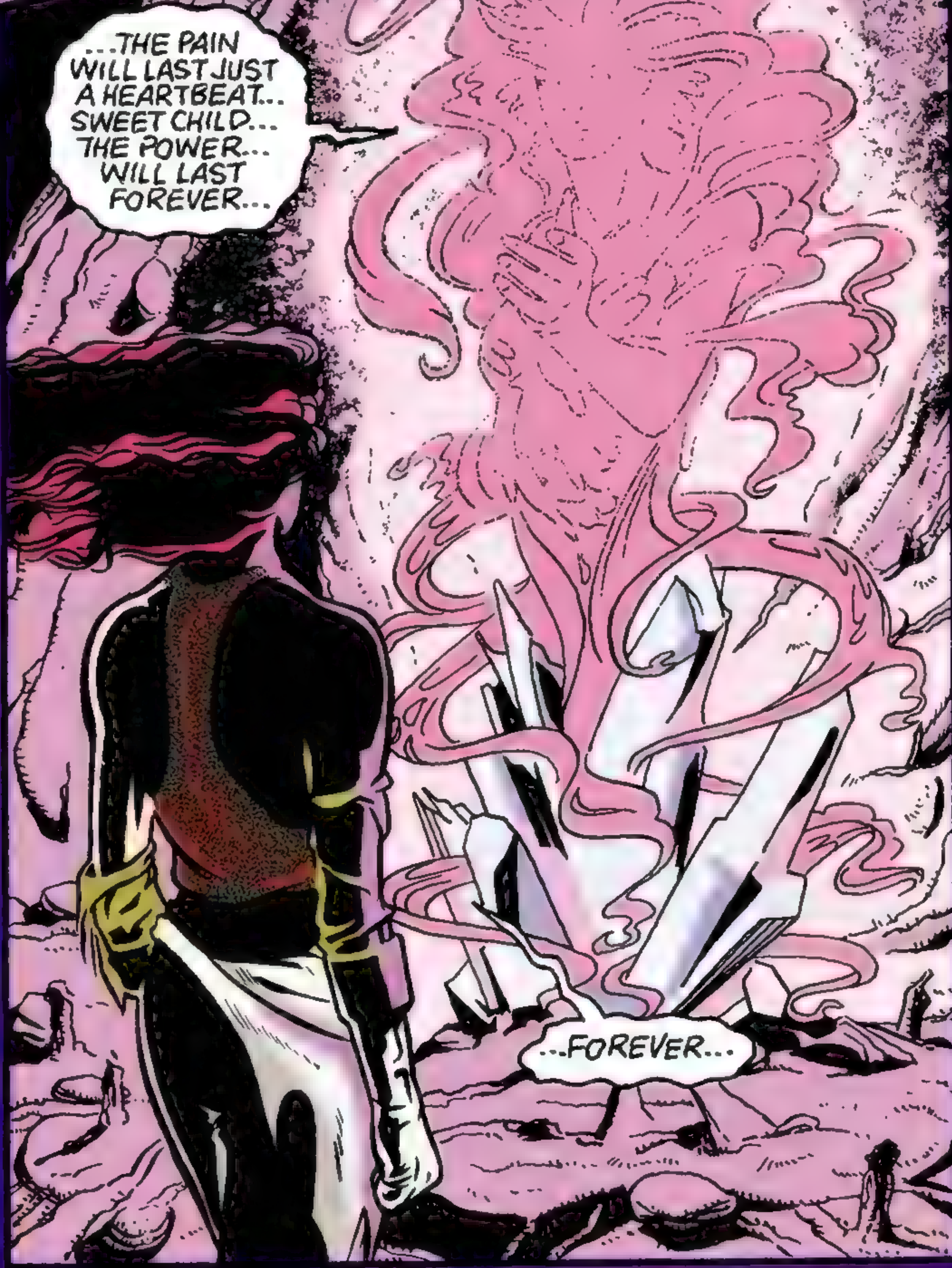


...COMING...

YES... MYSA...

...CLOSER...

Huhn! TH-THAT HURTS...



...THE PAIN WILL LAST JUST A HEARTBEAT... SWEET CHILD... THE POWER... WILL LAST FOREVER...

...FOREVER...



LET IT CARESS
YOU, MYSA...

...FEEL
ITS EXHILARATING
EMBRACE...

...KNOW THAT
THIS IS YOUR
DESTINY...

...AND
REJOICE
IN IT.

FOR YOU
AND THE
POWER
ARE NOW...



...ONE!

YES!



...ONE...



...AND NOW
YOU KNOW...



...WHAT
WE MUST
DO...



...WHO
WE MUST
SEEK...

MORDRU!

MOR...

...SOMEBODY
SCREAMED...

... "MORDRU" ...

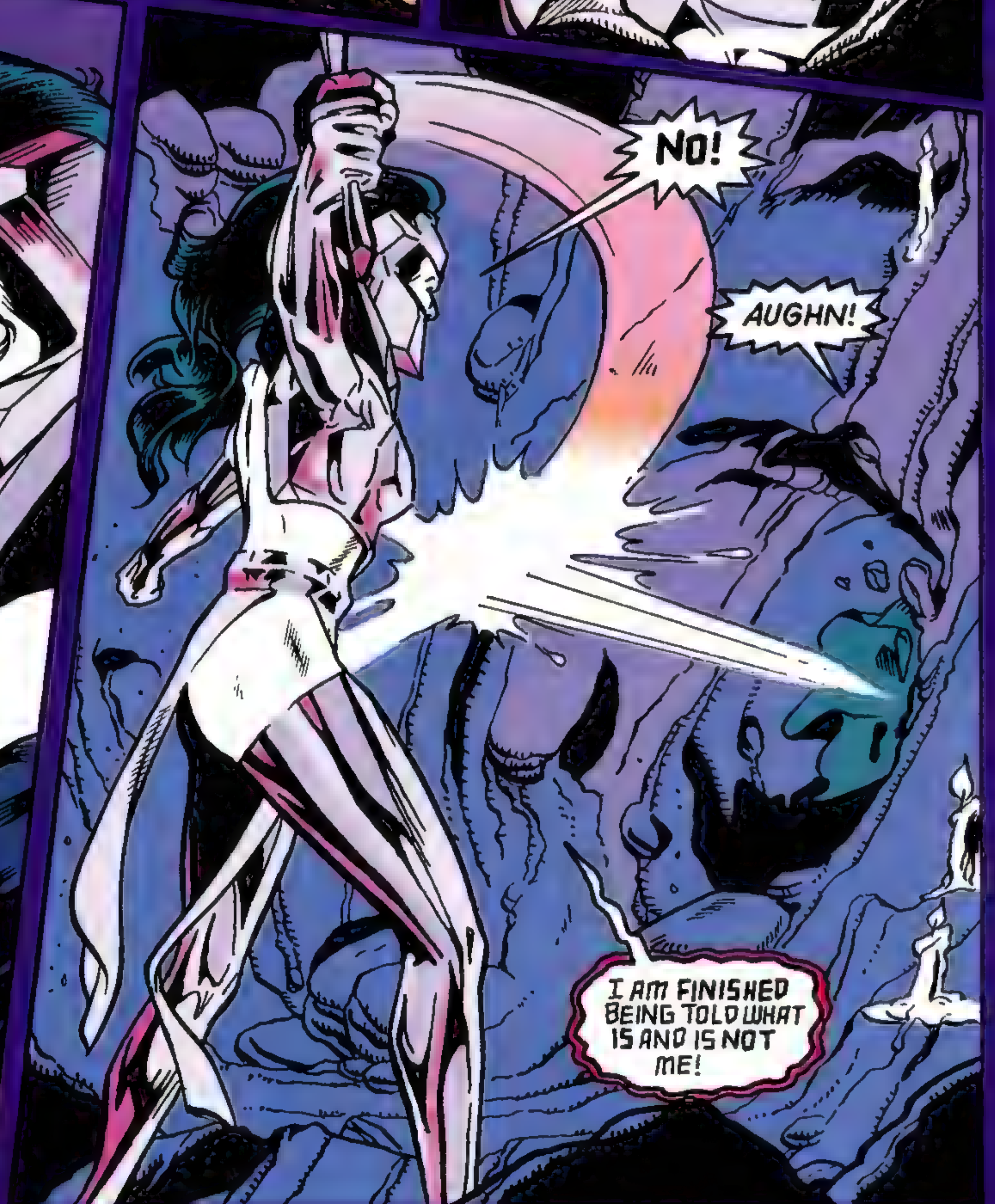
...MYSA...

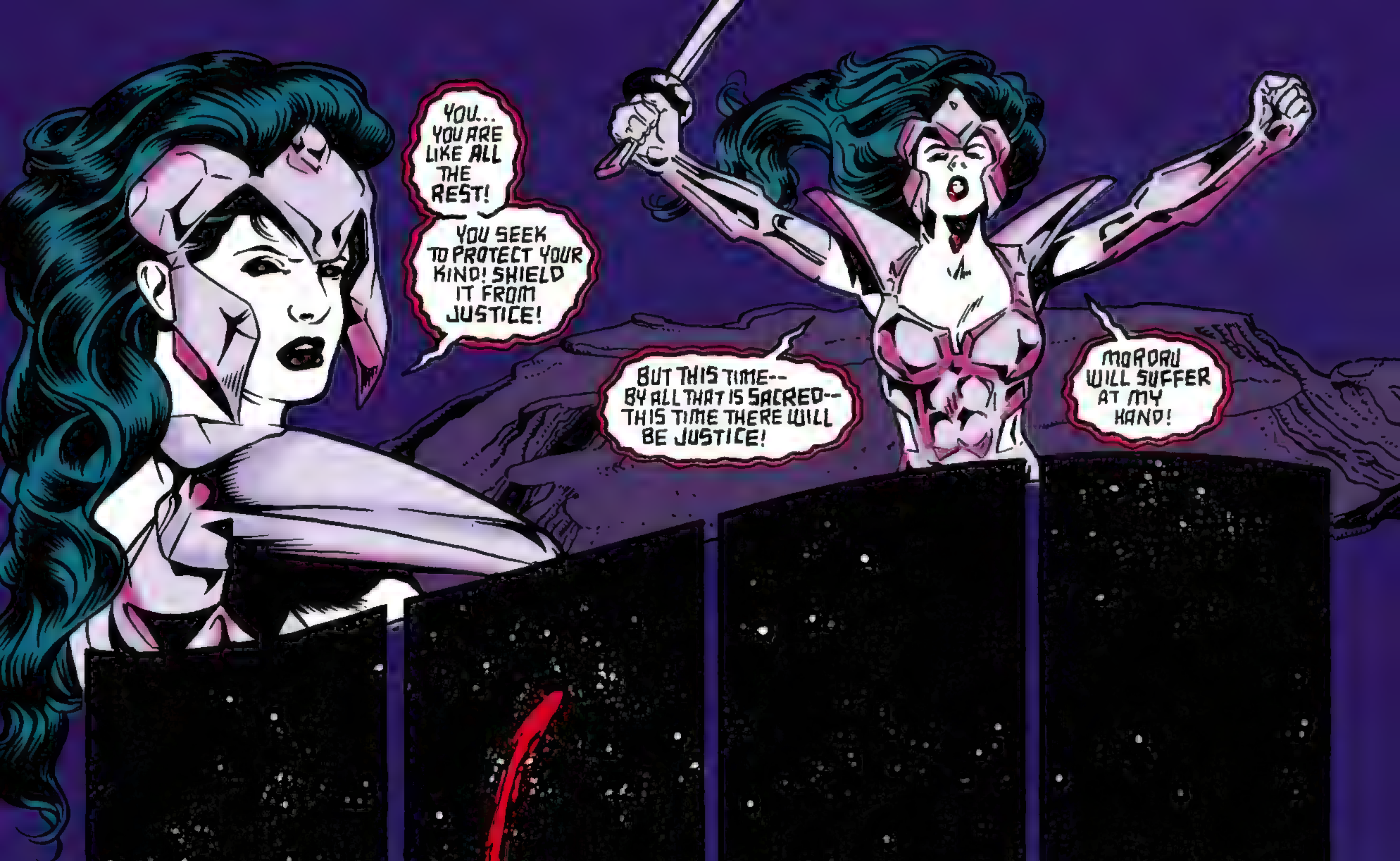
...MYSA!

FINALLY!

THE
ETERNAL
WAIT IS
OVER!

AT LAST...
I HAVE ACCEPTED
THE POWER--AND
THE PURPOSE--
FOR WHICH I
WAS BORN!



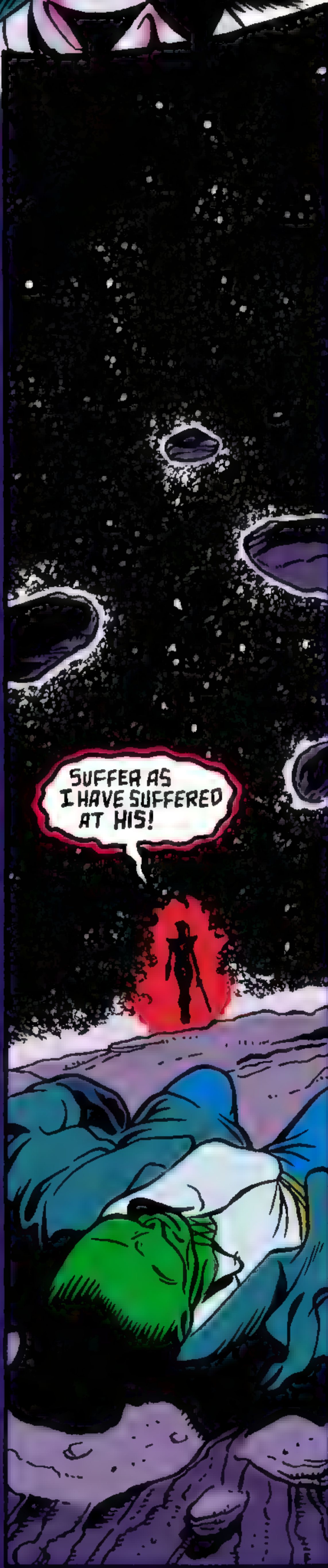


YOU...
YOU ARE
LIKE ALL
THE
REST!

YOU SEEK
TO PROTECT YOUR
KIND! SHIELD
IT FROM
JUSTICE!

BUT THIS TIME--
BY ALL THAT IS SACRED--
THIS TIME THERE WILL
BE JUSTICE!

MORDOR
WILL SUFFER
AT MY
HAND!



SUFFER AS
I HAVE SUFFERED
AT HIS!



STOP
HER!



STOP!

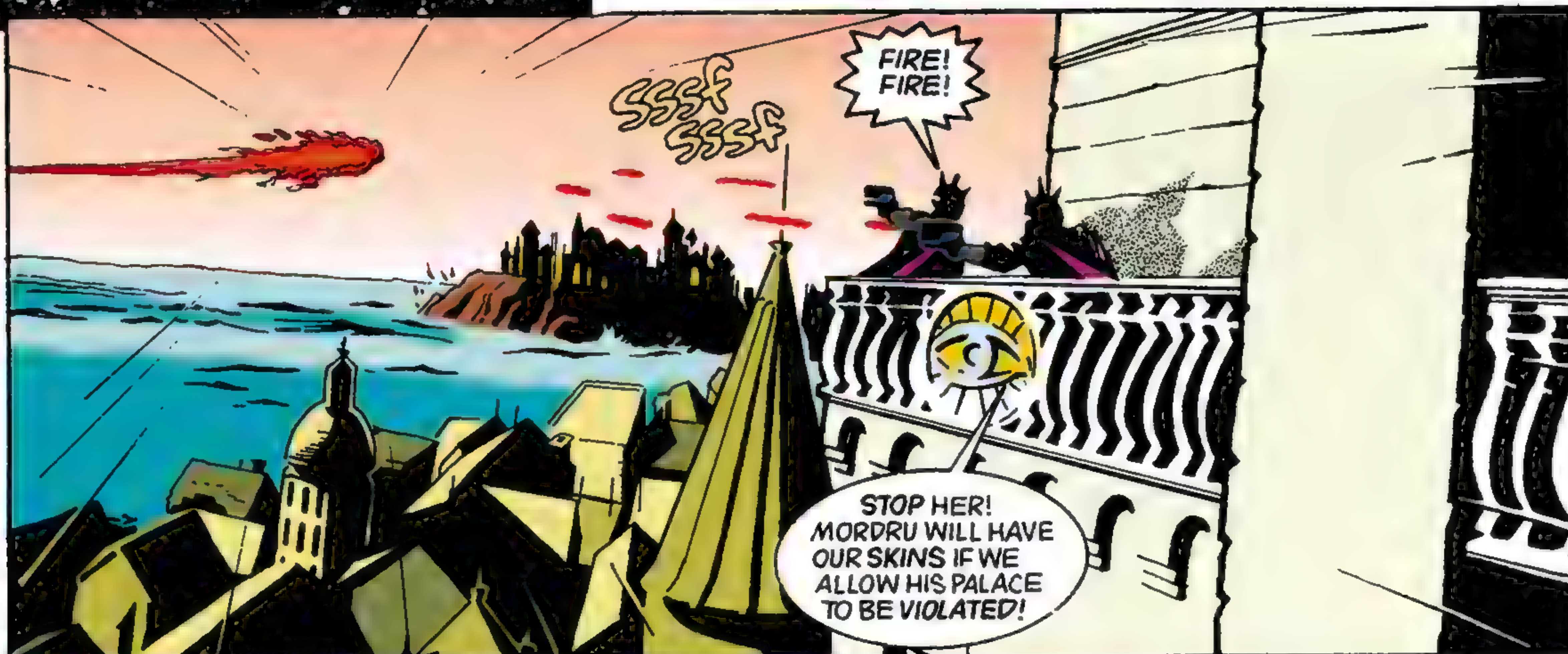
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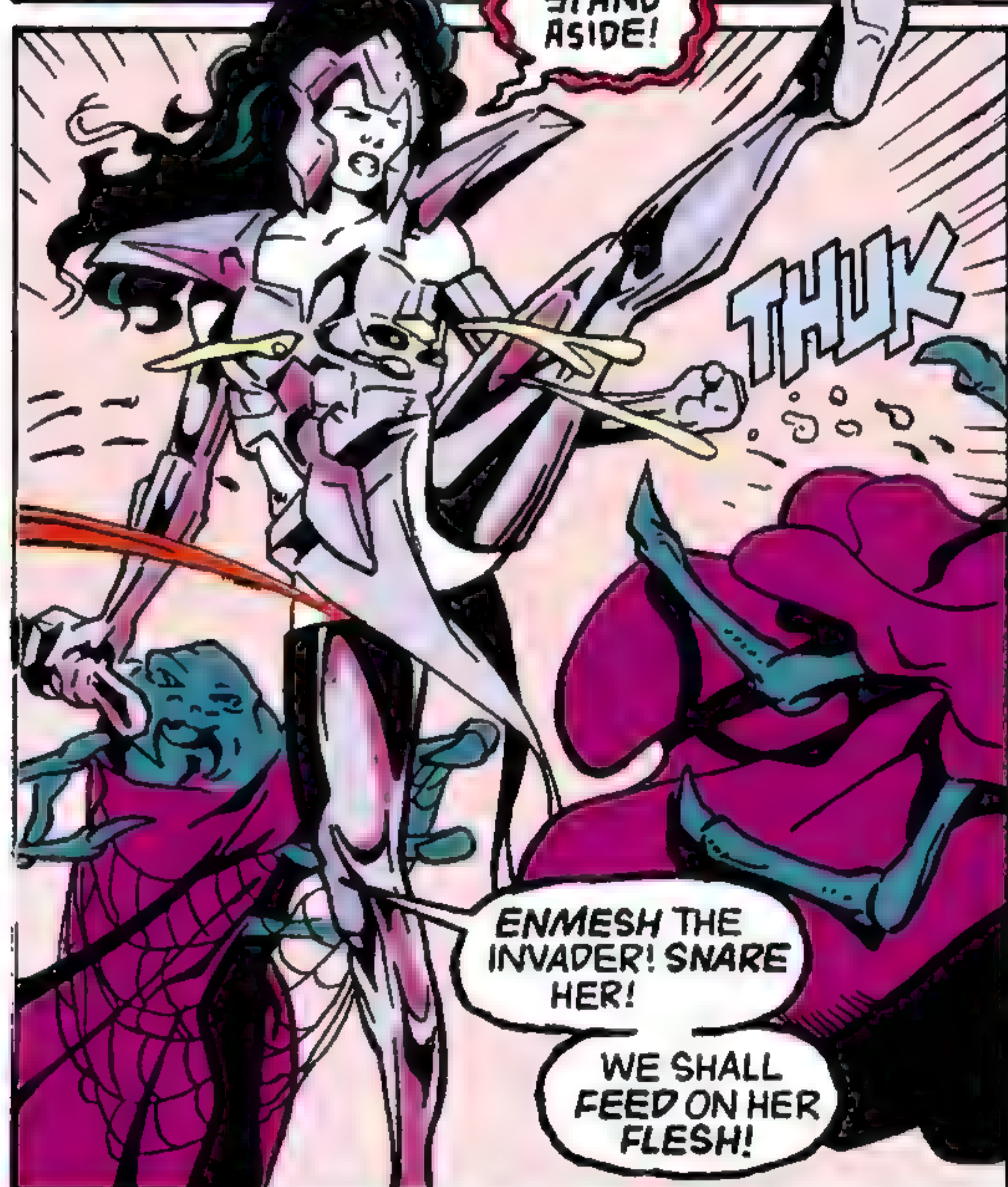
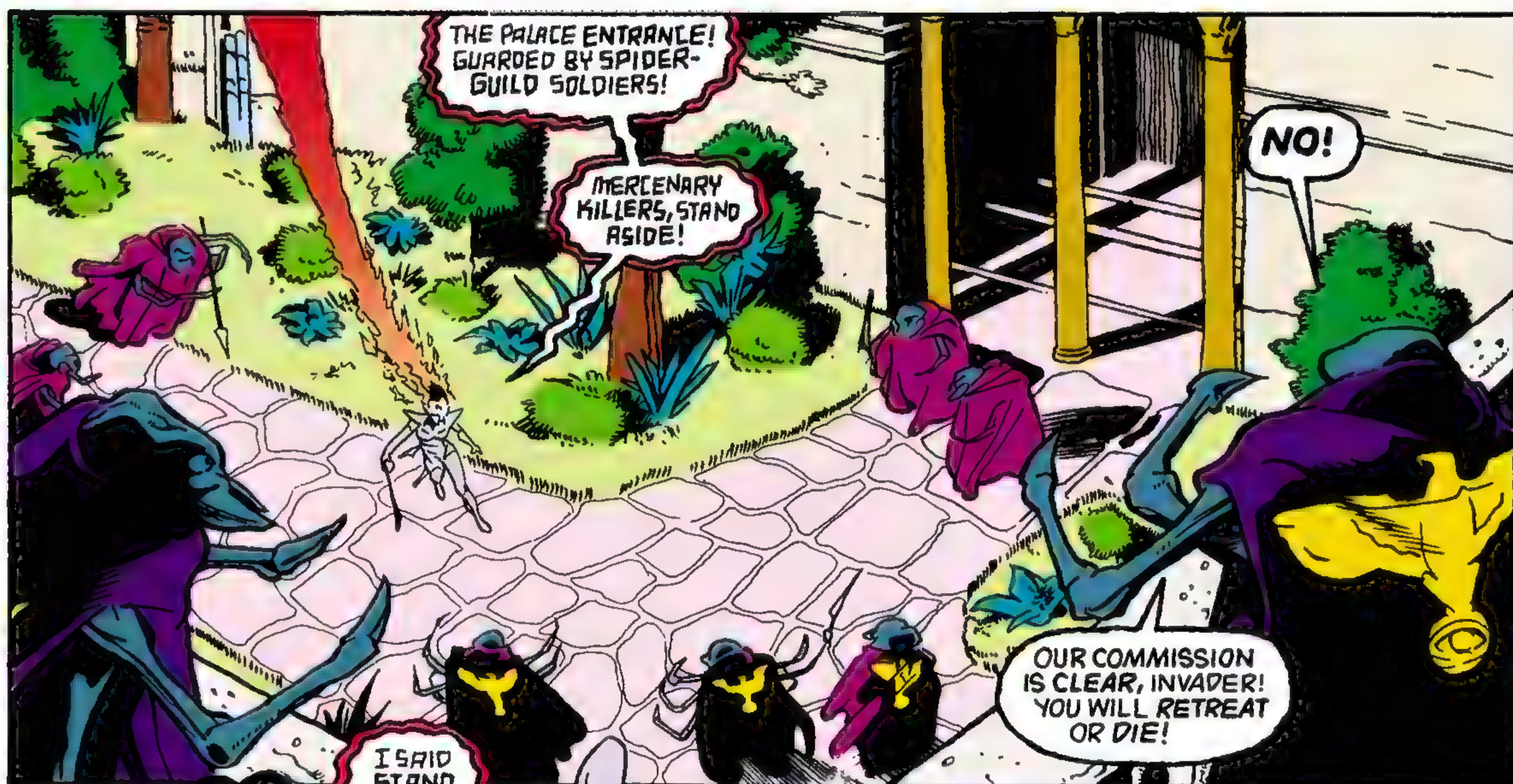


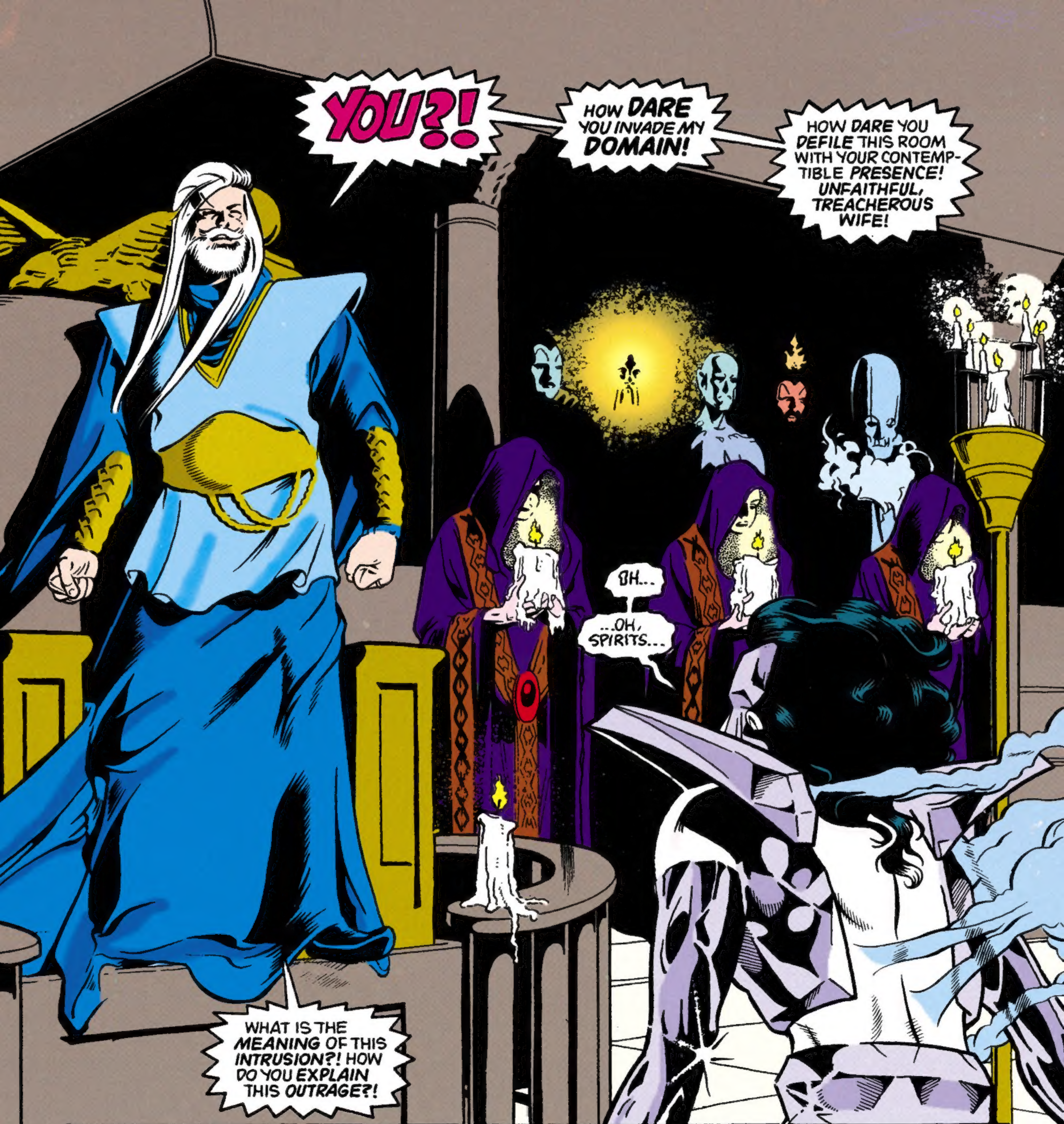
...STOP...

...S-S-STOP HER...

THARN, THE NEW SORCERERS' WORLD...







YOU?!

HOW DARE
YOU INVADE MY
DOMAIN!

HOW DARE YOU
DEFILE THIS ROOM
WITH YOUR CONTEMP-
TIBLE PRESENCE!
UNFAITHFUL,
TREACHEROUS
WIFE!

BH...

...OH,
SPIRITS...

WHAT IS THE
MEANING OF THIS
INTRUSION?! HOW
DO YOU EXPLAIN
THIS OUTRAGE?!

...I...I...

HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN
YOURSELF?!

...WHY...

...WHY DO YOU
HATE ME...?

I?! HATE
YOU?!



YOU'RE THE ONE WHO KNOWS NOTHING BUT HATRED!

ALL YOU'VE EVER DONE IS DISAPPOINT ME! ENRAGE ME!

P-PLEASE...

AND THEN YOU **ABANDON** ME!

SNAP

FILTHY, TRAITOROUS, DECEIVING TROLLOP!

...PLEASE... STOP...

SILENCE!

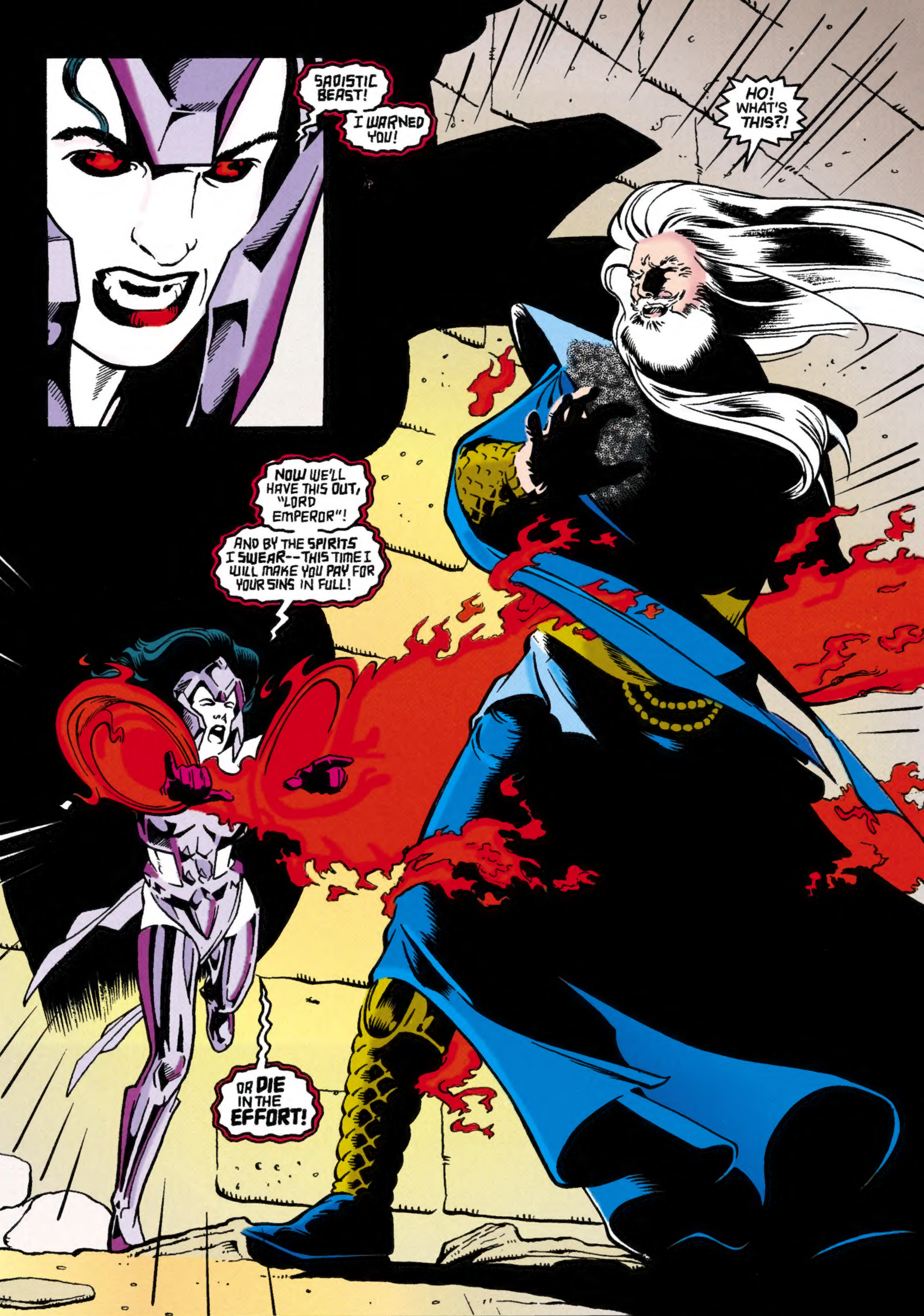
WHA-POK

INSOLENT TRAMP!

...STOP THIS... DON'T FORCE ME TO DO SOMETHING WE'LL BOTH REGRET...

REGRET?!

I'LL MAKE YOU REGRET THE DAY YOU EVER SET YOUR LOATHSOME EYES ON ME!



SADISTIC
BEAST!

I WARNED
YOU!

HO!
WHAT'S
THIS?!

NOW WE'LL
HAVE THIS OUT,
"LORD
EMPEROR"!

AND BY THE SPIRITS
I SWEAR--THIS TIME I
WILL MAKE YOU PAY FOR
YOUR SINS IN FULL!

OR DIE
IN THE
EFFORT!

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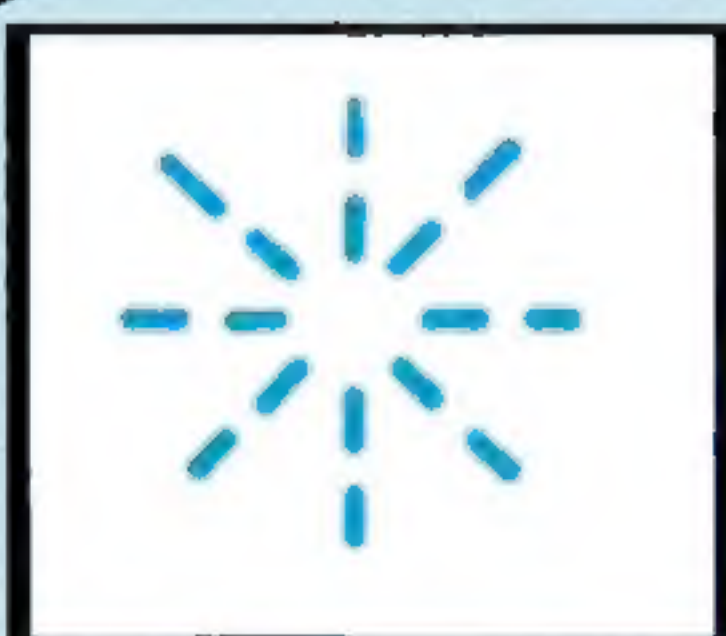
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Personal Journal

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July 29, 1995.

Notes on Rejoining the Legion:

Well, this latest adventure promises to contrast starkly with my previous few. The stakes certainly seem less weighty this time, and yet, perhaps because of that, the degree of cooperation and commitment I am receiving from my new associates seems not the same. When I undertook to lead resistance against Earth's corrupt government, when I oversaw the retraining of the former Legion of Substitute-Heroes, when I took on the presidency of New Earth, I worked with colleagues who well understood the gravity of what we were addressing and acknowledged the unquestioned need for rigid discipline and rigorous training. But I now find myself dealing with a team that feels, with some reason, that it does not need to be taught how to handle such matters—they have been doing so for years.

But there is always room for improvement and advancement. Let us hope the current team takes to my suggestions for regular training exercises, extensive combat training sessions and a rigorous calisthenics regimen. It appears that Ayla, Celeste, Jan, Jo, Kent, Laurel and Vi have more or less adhered to such a schedule on their own, but I see evidence that Devlin and Rokk have let such matters lapse and I further anticipate considerable resistance from Brainiac 5, Kono and Tenzil (Kono in particular has responded to my initial overtures with an oral gesture most closely associated with Metropolis's Bronx sector).

Updated, more identifying uniforms seem generally acceptable, which is fortunate. A few of the current team's faces are new to me, and I confess the sea of grey and blue did little to keep this code-name-less crew straight in my mind.

The implementation of new code names seems somewhat more problematic, as this working list of designations selected by the members would suggest:

Brita An'nan: "Kono." (Powers: Able to shift mass to make self and other objects/beings extremely dense or immaterial.)

Jan Arrah: "Element Man." (Powers: Ability to transmute the elements.)

Dawnstar: None. (Powers: Unknown at this time, due to injuries and emotional trauma, formerly superior tracking abilities, "limited invulnerability" for space travel.)

Salu "Vi" Digby: "Minim." (Not very stirring, but far better than some of her other, generally facetious suggestions—"Mote," "Mite," "Iota," "Ol' Blue-Leg," "Scarface," "Midget Maid," "Mini-Miss"). (Powers: able to shrink down to subatomic size.)

Brainiac 5 Querl Dox: No response. (Powers: None, other than 12th-level intelligence.)

Jacques Foccart: ~~"Stud Muffin."~~ (Powers: Invisibility.)

Where did that come from?

I believe I would prefer the code name "Evanescence."

Laurel Gand: "Tiger Rose." (Not the most descriptive code name in the universe, but it bests her other suggestion, "Flying Buttress"). (Powers: Enhanced strength, speed, invulnerability, flight, penetra-vision.)

Tenzil Kem: "Albert Symphony-Orchestra." (This typifies the sort of attitude I was talking about. Clearly, everyone here accepts the importance of clear, concise code names. Other choices listed were "Bismoll Boy," "Consumer Advocate," "Mastication Mort" and "Pope Anastasius IV," none of which I deem appropriate.) (Powers: Able to eat matter in all forms.)

Rokk Krinn: No response. (Powers: None.)

Jo Nah: "Green Dragon." (Powers: Enhanced strength, speed, invulnerability, flight, penetra-vision. Can channel internal "Ultra-Energy" to just one power at a time.)

Mysa Nal: No response, unable to reach. (Powers: Mystical abilities of varying magnitude and potency.)

Devlin O'Ryan: "Reflex." (Powers: Able to "reflect" attacks back on attackers.)

Ayla Ranzz: "Lightning Bug." (Other suggestions: "Scintilla," "Spark.") (Powers: Able to generate and hurl lightning bolts.)

Celeste Rockfish: Unable to come up with any suggestions. My thoughts: "Greenblaze," "Shimmer." (Powers: Appears to be a living receptacle of green energy. Full extent of powers unknown at this time.)

Richard Kent Shakespeare: "Impulse." (Powers: Enhanced strength, speed, invulnerability and stamina.)

Note: Remember to suggest acquisition of flight rings or comparable technology. Can dramatically enhance survival chances in combat situations.



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